



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **Closure Begins on U.S. Highway 71 in Little River County**

*High Water Closes Southbound Lanes, Northbound Lanes Remain Open for Now*

**LITTLE ROCK (6-26)** – High water on U.S. Highway 71 north of the Red River in Little River County has prompted the closure of the southbound lanes on a section of the route north of the Texas state line, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

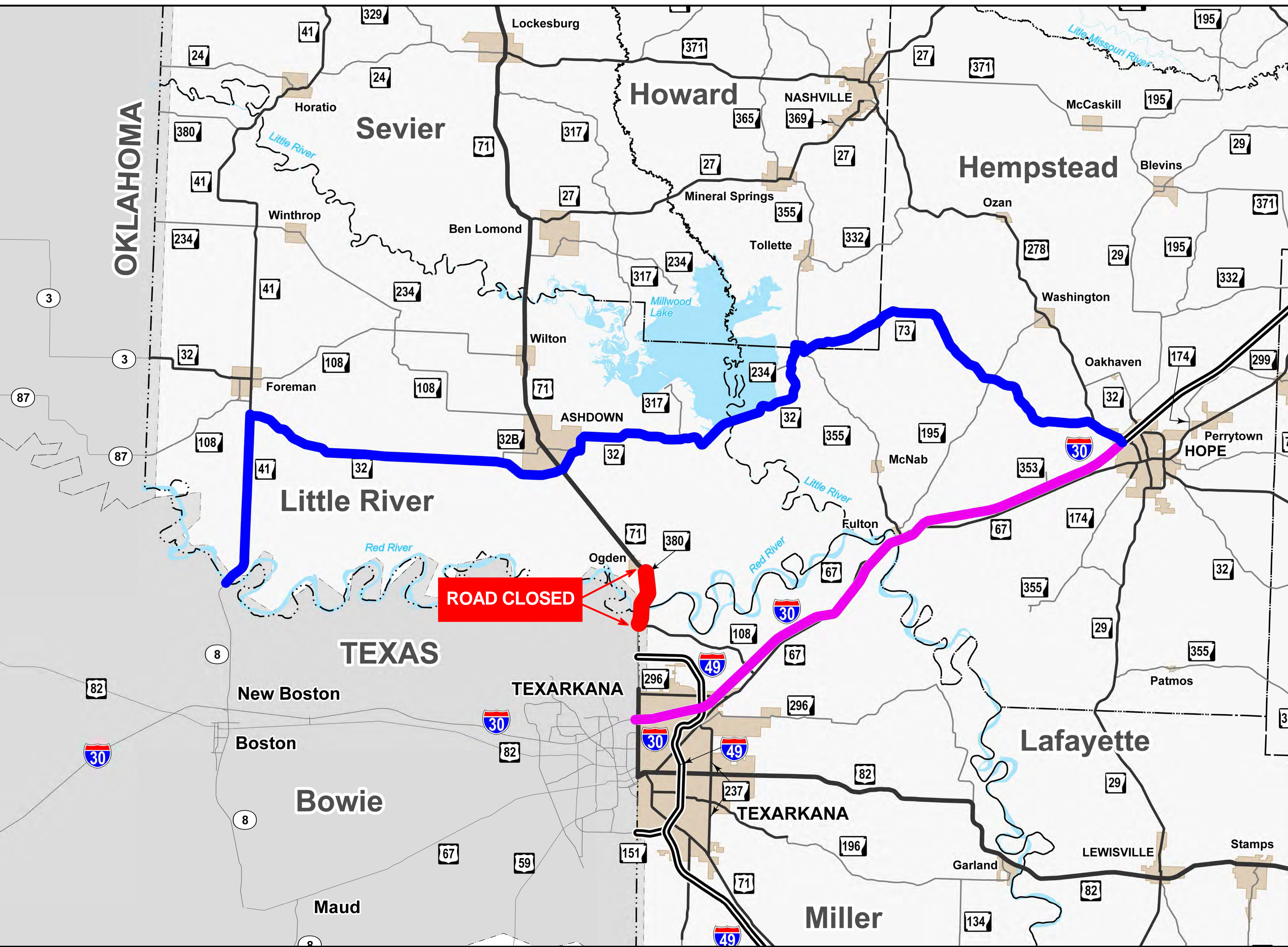
The closure began at 10:45 a.m. and includes 2.47 miles of U.S. Highway 71 between State Highway 108 in Miller County (south end) and the intersection with State Highway 380 at Ogden (north end). **Northbound lanes at this time remain open and will continue to be monitored for rising water.**

The attached detour map illustrates alternate routes on State Highways motorists may take to travel around the closed section of U.S. Highway 71. This section will remain closed until water recedes from the highway and a damage assessment can be made by AHTD engineers. State Highway 41 will not be closing during this high water event and is available as an alternate route.




Barricades, signs and portable electronic message boards have been placed to warn motorists of the closure at various points along U.S. Highway 71 (both north and south of the closure). Permanent message boards throughout the Texarkana metro on I-49 and I-30 will also be utilized.

Additional State Highway closures can be found at [www.idrivearkansas.com/alternate-routes](http://www.idrivearkansas.com/alternate-routes) or [www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com). Follow us on Twitter @AHTD for alerts about travel conditions throughout Arkansas.





**ROAD CLOSED**

-  Road Closed
-  Blue Route (64.23 Miles)
-  Purple Route (29.74 Miles)

