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### **DAMAGE FROM HEAVY RAINS CAUSES ROAD CLOSURES ON HIGHWAYS 195 & 371 IN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY**

**LITTLE ROCK (7-6)** – Rainfall amounts totaling 10” – 12” over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend have caused damage to Highways 195 & 371 in Hempstead County resulting in the temporary closure of both highways, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Heavy rains draining in a ditch beside **Highway 195** north of DeAnn washed out a section of the northbound lane of the roadway resulting in the closure of the highway between Highways 332 and 371. Crews estimate repairs to the roadway will take approximately one week. Traffic is being rerouted to Highway 29 west of the closure, between DeAnn and Blevins.

Damage to **Highway 371** has temporarily closed both lanes of that highway to traffic between Prescott and Blevins. Rains washed out the roadway and also caused the failure of a box culvert. Crews are replacing the box culvert with three concrete pipes and hope to have the highway reopened within approximately one week. A detour is routing eastbound traffic from Blevins south on Highway 29 to Hope and east on Interstate 30 to Prescott. Westbound motorists will travel Interstate 30 from Prescott to Hope and travel north on Highway 29 to Blevins.

Drivers should exercise caution when approaching and traveling through all highway work zones. Additional travel information can be found at [IDriveArkansas.com](http://IDriveArkansas.com) or [ArkansasHighways.com](http://ArkansasHighways.com). You can also follow us on [Twitter @AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

