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### BRIDGE ON STATE HIGHWAY 316 IN PHILLIPS COUNTY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

**LITTLE ROCK (9-22)** – A bridge on State Highway 316, just east of Watkins Corner, has been temporarily closed for repairs, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The bridge, over Coffee Creek, received damage to numerous timber girders after recent heavy agricultural hauling. The cracked timbers have caused the bridge deck to sag.

AHTD crews have begun work to make repairs. The timber girders are being replaced with steel girders. It is estimated that the bridge will be closed for approximately two weeks.

A detour route has been put into place utilizing County Roads 373, 374 and 376. Detour signs and message boards will direct traffic through the area.

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).

