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Arkansas River Flooding Prompts Shutdown of State Highway 23 Crossing at Ozark

FRANKLIN COUNTY (5-27) – Historic flooding along the Arkansas River requires closure of the State Highway 23 Bridge in Ozark, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. local time, ARDOT crews will be on scene to monitor rising water levels, eventually closing the bridge to through traffic this evening. There is no detour. At this time State Highway 23 is already down to one lane due to high water.

The nearest Arkansas River crossings from Ozark include the State Highway 59 Bridge at Barling and the State Highway 109 Bridge at Morrison Bluff. ARDOT crews continue to monitor highways throughout the Arkansas River basin for potential closures due to high water.

There are approximately 10 segments of State Highways closed in the River Valley with more expected in the coming days. The latest information on highway closures due to high water is available on our Traveler Information site, IDriveArkansas.com. Late-breaking news is published on our Twitter account. Follow us @myARDOT.