



# Center Line

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## Chief Engineer Bob Walters Retires



*"I have had the privilege to work with many talented professionals through the years, all of whom are dedicated to the Department and the work that they do."*

Bob Walters, Chief Engineer, has announced his retirement from the AHTD effective December 21st.

Walters has been with the Department since 1972 and has been Chief Engineer since July of 1998.

He began as a Civil Engineer II in the Roadway Design Division. He became Assistant Section Head of the General Design Section in 1975, and Section Head of the Freeway Design Section in 1977. Walters was promoted to Division Head of Roadway Design in 1979 where he remained until being named Assistant Chief Engineer for Design in 1987. He obtained his position of Chief Engineer in 1998.

Walters has distinguished himself in the highway engineering community, both locally and nationally. He has received numerous awards for his work on geometric design standards. Walters was named recipient of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Region II Design Award in 1989 and received the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Design's National Award for Outstanding Service in 1993 and 2000.

He is active in AASHTO and most recently served as Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Design and Chairman of the Technical Committee on Geometric Design.

He was recently appointed by the Governor to the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Engineers & Land Surveyors.

Walters is also a member of the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineers.

A resident of Little Rock, Walters and his wife Trudy have a daughter, Amy, a son, Aaron, and three grandchildren.

"I have enjoyed my career at the Highway and Transportation Department a great deal," stated Walters. "I have had the privilege to work with many talented professionals through the years, all of whom are dedicated to the Department and the work that they do."

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## Vozel Named Deputy Director and Chief Engineer

Frank Vozel, currently Assistant to the Director, has been promoted to Deputy Director and Chief Engineer effective December 21st.

Vozel has been with the Department for 36 years. In that time, he has served as Section Head of the Traffic Safety Section, Section Head of the Traffic Engineering Section, Assistant Division Head

of Traffic, Division Head of Programs & Contracts, Assistant Chief Engineer of Planning and Assistant to the Director.

Vozel has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.



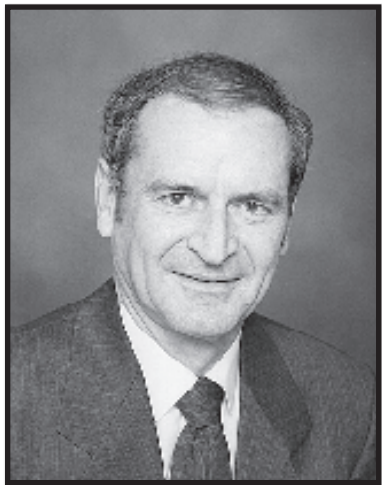
## Hall Named Assistant to the Director

Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, has been promoted to the position of Assistant to the Director.

Hall has been with the Department since 1972. In that time, he has served as Assistant Resident Engineer in West Memphis, Resident Engineer in Forrest City and North Little Rock, Assistant District

6 Engineer, State Construction Engineer, Engineer of Materials & Research, District Engineer of District 6 and his most recent position as Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations.

Hall has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

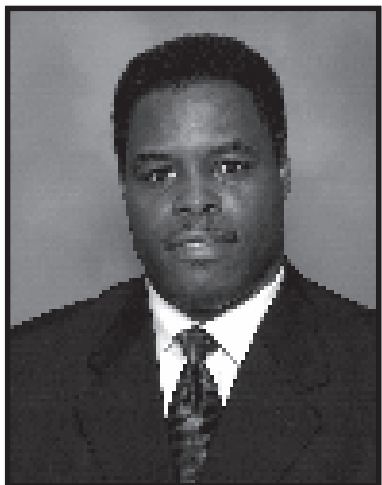


## Holmes Named Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations

Allan Holmes, who currently serves as State Construction Engineer, is being promoted this month to the position of Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations.

Holmes has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He is a Registered Professional Engineer.

Holmes was first employed with the Department in 1961. During his career with the Department, Holmes has served as Division Assistant in Materials, Materials Area Engineer, Assistant Division Head in Construction, Staff Construction Engineer, District 4 Engineer, State Maintenance Engineer and State Construction Engineer.



## Banks Named State Construction Engineer

Emanuel Banks, currently District 6 Engineer, is being promoted to the position of State Construction Engineer effective December 21st.

Banks has been with the Department since 1987. He began as a Civil Engineer I in the Roadway Design Division. A year later, he advanced to Design Engineer and was promoted to Advanced Design Engineer in 1990. Banks transferred to the Resident Engineer Office in North Little Rock as an

Advanced Construction Field Engineer in 1990 and became Resident Engineer in Little Rock in 1997. He became a Staff Construction Engineer in 2002. He was promoted to District 6 Engineer in November of 2005.

Banks has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and is a Registered Professional Engineer.



**Employee:** Joe Daniels, Jr., Area Headquarters Attendant, Little River County, District 3

**Length of service:** 12 years

**Job duties:** I am responsible for the maintenance of records, equipment, material inventories and facilities at the Area Headquarters. I also inventory fuel supplies, prepare employee time reports and perform minor operations with various types of equipment.

**Favorite part of the job:** I enjoy working with the employees of Little River County and District 3.

**Background:** I graduated from Ashdown High School in 1991. I started work with the Highway and Transportation Department in May of 1994 as a General Laborer. I was promoted to Single Axle Truck Driver later in 1994. I was promoted to Area Headquarters Attendant in 1997.

**Family:** I have been married for 11 years to my wife Robin. We have one son, Andy. Robin is a third grade teacher at C.D. Franks Elementary School in Ashdown. Andy is 8 years old and is in the third grade at C.D. Franks Elementary.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I am an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 75 in Ashdown. I enjoy camping, backpacking, hiking, hunting and fishing. I like coaching baseball and spending time with my wife and son.



# Nearly \$25K Raised for United Way

Employees of the AHTD have wrapped up another successful year of raising donations for the United Way.

Through individual giving, bake sales, burrito breakfasts and a variety of other fundraising events, employees across the state raised a total of \$24,765.12 for 2006.

Central Office raised \$16,416.12, surpassing their goal by a large margin. Among the Districts, District 5 led the way, collecting \$5,681.00.

"Obviously, I am very proud of our District 5 employees for their hard work on the campaign," stated District 5 Engineer Lyndal Waits.

United Way works with a broad range of people and organizations across the country to identify and resolve pressing community issues.

Thanks to everyone on the AHTD staff who participated and congratulations on making this year's campaign a success.

This year's statewide campaign coordinator was Tara Robinson of the Human Resources Division at the Central Office.



## Road Conditions

Planning a road trip this winter? Here are some helpful numbers and website addresses for Arkansas and surrounding states that provide up-to-date weather-related road conditions.

Arkansas	800-245-1672	<a href="http://www.arkansashighways.com">www.arkansashighways.com</a>
Louisiana	225-379-1232	<a href="http://www.dotd.state.la.us">www.dotd.state.la.us</a>
Mississippi	601-359-7001	<a href="http://www.mdot.state.ms.us">www.mdot.state.ms.us</a>
Missouri	888-275-6636	<a href="http://www.modot.org">www.modot.org</a>
Oklahoma	888-425-2385	<a href="http://www.okladot.state.ok.us">www.okladot.state.ok.us</a>
Tennessee	800-342-3258	<a href="http://www.tdot.state.tn.us">www.tdot.state.tn.us</a>

# The Arkansas State Highway Commission

JONATHAN BARNETT, CHAIRMAN  
CARL ROSENBAUM, VICE CHAIRMAN  
R. MADISON MURPHY, MEMBER  
JOHN ED REGENOLD, MEMBER  
PRISSY HICKERSON, MEMBER

and Director

DAN FLOWERS

wish you a safe &  
happy holiday season!

# Highway History



Interstate 30 at State Line Avenue  
(Highway 71) in Texarkana, 1964.

## Commission Meetings & Bid Letting Schedule

January 10th  
February 21st  
April 11th  
May 23rd  
July 11th  
August 15th  
September 19th  
November 28th

All meetings will be held at the  
Central Office in Little Rock.

## Holiday Schedule

The following days  
are state holidays for  
Arkansas State Highway and  
Transportation Department  
employees, during which all  
work will be suspended except  
for cases of emergency.

Christmas Eve and Christmas  
Monday & Tuesday,  
December 25 – 26, 2006

New Year's Day  
Monday, January 1, 2007

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/  
Robert E. Lee Day  
Monday, January 15, 2007

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



District 3: Lisa Martin, daughter of Willie Martin, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, was married June 24th at Union Hill Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas.



District 6: Jenna Ashley Cale, daughter of Dwayne Cale, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, was born November 8th, weighing 7lbs., 4oz.



Internal Audit: Jules Isabella Castellanos, born October 19th, in Cozumel, Mexico, is the granddaughter of Vicki Haydon, Motor Fuel Audit Manager.



District 3: (l. to r.) Brian Imler, Senior Inspector, received his 15-year service award from Resident Engineer Steve Frisbee.



District 3: (l. to r.) Gary Aldridge, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, received his 15-year service award from District Maintenance Engineer, Kenny Bennett.



Internal Audit: Alexander Mahlon and Zachary Haydon Farrow, born September 17th, in Benton, are the twin grandsons of Vicki Haydon, Motor Fuel Audit Manager.



District 4: (l. to r.) Cody Holland, Inspector, received his 10-year service award from Dean Nichols, Resident Engineer.



Heavy Bridge Maintenance: (l. to r.) Mike Hill, Staff Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer, presents William Reed, Bridge Repairer II, with his 10-year service award.



District 7: (l. to r.) Carl Bachelor, District Engineer, presents Glen Howell, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, with his 35-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) Robert Thompson, Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents Keith Etue, Backhoe Operator, with his 5-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Jeremy Thomas, Advanced Construction Field Engineer, was awarded his 5-year service award from Steve Frisbee, Resident Engineer.

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Programs & Contracts: Dwayne Stokes, Senior Reproduction Operator, retired in November with 26+ years.



Materials: Michael Benson, Assistant Division Head (l.), and Mike Limbird, Staff Materials Engineer (r.), present Dawn Richards, Chemistry Lab Section Head, with her 15-year award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Willie Martin, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, with his 15-year service award.



District 4: (l. to r.) Dean Nichols, Resident Engineer, presented Stephanie Pinion, Construction Aide III, with her 20-year service award at a surprise retirement party given by RE #41 in her honor October 24th.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Paul Forst, Striping Zoner II, received his 10-year service award from Ed Marlin, Striping Superintendent.



Materials: Mike Limbird, Staff Materials Engineer (l.), and Reggie Cobb, Laboratory Coordinator (r.), present Deb Tyler, Materials Technician III, with her 5-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Terry Hosey, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, received his 15-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



Materials: Mike Limbird, Staff Materials Engineer (l.), and Tom Greenway, Laboratory Coordinator (r.), present Khari Withers, Materials Technician III, with his 5-year service award.



District 4: (l. to r.) Karen Strunk, Field Clerk II, received her 10-year service award from Dean Nichols, Resident Engineer.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer, presents Tracy Ford, Street Sweeper Operator, with his 5-year service award.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) David Waters, Lowboy Float Truck Driver, received his 10-year service award from Tony Evans, Staff Maintenance Engineer.



District 4: Kenneth Gentry, Area Maintenance Supervisor, received his 20-year service award.



District 7: Luke Jeffus, 5-year old grandson of Ann Bryant, Store-room Assistant II, bagged an 8-point buck on November 4.



District 9: Sherri Taylor, Construction Aide III, with her deer.



District 7: Stephanie Cummings, Office Administrative Assistant I, bagged her first buck, this 8-pointer with a crossbow.



District 7: Don Hudson, Hydraulic Excavator Operator-Finish, bagged this 11-point buck in November.



District 7: Kenny Freeman, Crew Leader, killed this 8-point buck in November.



District 7: David Archer, District Construction Engineer, bagged this 8-point buck in October.



District 7: Dannie Launius, Office Manager, killed this 10-point buck November 20th.



District 3: Kayla Martin, daughter of Willie Martin, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, with her first buck, a 4-point.



District 7: Bryan Ryder, Motor Patrol Operator, killed this 9-point buck November 7.



District 7: Levi Ryder, 16-month-old grandson of Bryan Ryder, Motor Patrol Operator, is Bryan's pride and joy and hunting buddy.



## NEW EMPLOYEES

### CONSTRUCTION

Dawn Boyd, Const. Helper I, RE 23  
Francisco Freeman, Const. Hlpr. I, RE 23  
Constance Kenney, Field Clerk I, RE 95

### FISCAL SERVICES

Alisa Moore, Utility Auditor

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Karla Sims, Office Admn. Asst. III

### MAINTENANCE

Sean Collins, Elec. Pl. & Mech. Repairer

### RIGHT OF WAY

Roger Burchfield, Negotiator

### SURVEYS

Gregory Gardner, Surveys Helper  
Vernon Vinson, Surveys Helper

### DISTRICT 1

Rick Hicks, Single Axle Truck Dr., Cross

### DISTRICT 2

Wayne Givens, Gen. Laborer, Jefferson  
Jeffrey Johnson, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., Jefferson  
Jason Shalmy, Gen. Laborer, Jefferson  
Bruce Smith, Gen. Laborer, Jefferson  
Jymme Socia, Gen. Laborer, Jefferson

### DISTRICT 3

Madeline Brown, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., Nevada  
Nicholas Green, General Laborer, Miller  
Claudell Mixon, Jr., Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., Nevada  
Sherry Perry, Single Axle Tr. Dr., Miller  
Chad Trevillion, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., Nevada

### DISTRICT 4

Jesse Easom, Gen. Laborer, Franklin  
Monty Frazier, Mechanic  
Garry Hollingsworth, SATD., Washington

### DISTRICT 6

Tony Skarda, General Laborer, Prairie

### DISTRICT 9

Abel Arellano, General Laborer, Baxter  
Matthew Boyer, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., Baxter  
Joshua Godbehre, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., Boone

## PROMOTIONS

### BRIDGE

Philip Terry, Bridge Design Engineer

### CHIEF ENGINEER

Jennifer Williams, Civil Engineer V

### CONSTRUCTION

Tina Adams, Estimates Supervisor  
Stefanie Wilson, Administrative Aide II

### HEAVY BRIDGE

Richard Frazier, Jr., Bridge Rep. II, Marion

### MAINTENANCE

David Weston, Sign Shop Supervisor

### PLANNING & RESEARCH

Jessie Jones, Transp. Planning Engr.  
Jim Kauffman, Transp. Info. Analyst

### PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Linda Bryant, P & C Specialist I  
Trey Foster, P & C Engineer I

### RIGHT OF WAY

Timothy Robertson, Negotiator

### DISTRICT 1

Morrison Baker, Maint. Aide II, St. Francis  
Joe Hall, Maint. Aide II, Woodruff  
Victor Lopez, Single Axle Truck Driver  
George Powers, Dist./Roller Opr., Crittenden  
Ronnie Reel, Bckh./FEL. Opr., Crittenden

### DISTRICT 2

John Harvey, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., Jefferson  
William Linder, Maintenance Aide I, Ashley  
Timothy Lovett, Construction Helper II, RE 21

### DISTRICT 3

Bubba Cox, Construction Aide I, RE 31  
David Morton, Crew Leader, Hempstead  
Robert Swan, Construction Aide I, RE 31

### DISTRICT 4

Charles Aaron, Single Axle Truck Driver  
Rickey Bates, Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Alan Boggs, Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Kent Little, Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, Crawford  
Darren Smith, Maintenance Aide II, Washington

### DISTRICT 5

Johnny Kimbriel, Bckh./FEL. Opr., White  
Charles Wallace, Motor Patrol Operator, White

### DISTRICT 6

Travis Billingsley, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., Prairie  
Roy Coulter, Single Axle Truck Driver, Lonoke  
Jerry Denley, Maintenance Aide II, Lonoke  
Jerome Harris, Distrib./Roller Operator, Pulaski  
Vince Odom, Distrib./Roller Operator, Garland  
Paul Precord, Motor Patrol Opr.-Finish, Saline  
Shandale Smith, Maintenance Aide II, Pulaski  
Adrin Ward, Maintenance Aide I, Pulaski  
Bryson Whiteside, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

### DISTRICT 7

Danny Sikes, Construction Aide II, RE 73

### DISTRICT 8

Billy Biggs, Single Axle Truck Driver, Van Buren  
Juan Coronado, Mechanic  
Gary Hicks, Mechanic

### DISTRICT 9

Brett Banzhaf, Senior Inspector, RE 94  
Misty Barber, Multi-Axle Truck Driver  
Matthew Boyer, Single Axle Truck Driver, Baxter  
James Hays, Asst. Resident Engineer, RE 95

### DISTRICT 10

Lanz Loyd, Parts Runner  
Rhonda Williams, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., Mississippi

## SERVICE AWARDS

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Brian Henry, Permit Technician, 5 yrs.

### COMPUTER SERVICES

Paul Dowdy, Apps. Analyst/Prog. III, 10 yrs.

### CONSTRUCTION

Jeffery Byerly, Const. Aide II, 5 yrs., RE 23  
Paola Castellanos, Const. Field Engr. II, 5 yrs., RE 82  
David Corbin, Estimates Technician, 15 yrs.  
Carl Efird, Const. Aide I, 10 yrs., RE 64  
Ann Harrell, Estimates Tech., 35 yrs.  
James Hays, Asst. Resident Engr., 10 yrs., RE 95  
P.J. Smith, Const. Helper I, 5 yrs., RE 53  
Kendall Stroud, Insp., 20 yrs., RE 52  
Jeremy Thomas, Adv. Const. Field Engr., 5 yrs., RE 34

### FISCAL SERVICES

Marvlyn Underwood, Ofc. Admn. Asst. II, 5 yrs.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Wanda Ashley, Internal EEO Coord., 15 yrs.  
Eddie Tanner, Safety Insp. Officer, 15 yrs.

### INTERNAL AUDIT

Corey Key, Senior Internal Auditor, 5 yrs.

### MAINTENANCE

Paul Forst, Striping Zoner II, 10 yrs.  
Amanda Price, Maint. Mgt. Analyst, 5 yrs.

### MATERIALS

Michael Creamer, Geotech. Drill Opr., 20 yrs.  
Dawn Richards, Sect. Head - Chem. Lab, 15 yrs.  
Mack Scott, District Lab. Technician, 5 yrs.

### MATERIALS

Deborah Tyler, Materials Technician III, 5 yrs.  
Khari Withers, Materials Technician III, 5 yrs.

### RIGHT OF WAY

Errol Lemons, Realty Appraiser III, 5 yrs.

### ROADWAY DESIGN

Amy King, Advanced Design Engineer, 10 yrs.

### SURVEYS

Bennie Horn, Surveys Aide III, 20 yrs.  
Michael Mohler, Surveys Specialist, 10 yrs.

### DISTRICT 1

Gerry Washington, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs.  
Herbert Wiley, Rest Area Attendant, 5 yrs.

### DISTRICT 2

Keith Etue, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., 5 yrs.  
Arther Huggins, Hydr. Excav. Opr.-Fin., 30 yrs.  
Beverly Meridith, Roller Operator, 5 yrs.  
Jeffery Power, Motor Patrol Operator, 5 yrs.  
Tommy Simmons, Asst. Maint. Supt., 35 yrs.

### DISTRICT 3

Willie Martin, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 yrs.  
Paul Wingfield, Lowboy/Float Truck Dr., 5 yrs.

### DISTRICT 4

Glen Beckner, Welder, 5 yrs.  
Lance Drager, Distributor/Roller Operator, 5 yrs.  
Kenneth Gentry, Area Maint. Supv., 20 yrs.  
Tara Hollan, Area Hq. Attendant, 5 yrs.  
Billy Horne, Senior Mechanic, 5 yrs.  
George Manning, Street Sweeper Opr., 5 yrs.  
Bradley McCurry, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.  
Mike Reed, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., 5 yrs.

### DISTRICT 5

Ruth Moody, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.

### DISTRICT 6

Spencer Bullard, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.  
Ray Hart, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.  
Lisa Holeman, Personnel Clerk, 5 yrs.  
Deborah Mealler, Rest Area Attendant, 5 yrs.

### DISTRICT 8

Debbie Anderson, Roller Operator, 5 yrs.  
Audry Emberton, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., 5 yrs.

### DISTRICT 9

Roy Bryant, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., 5 yrs.  
Kelly Jurgena, Dozer Opr. - Finish Opr, 5 yrs.

### DISTRICT 10

Larry Harris, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., 5 yrs.  
Hershel Nelson, Guard, 30 yrs.  
David Rorex, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs.

## RETIREMENTS

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Jack Wilder, Boiler Operator, 12+ yrs.

### PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Dewayne Stokes, Sr. Repro. Opr., 27+ yrs.

### RIGHT OF WAY

Joseph Qualls, Senior Utilities Coord., 33+ yrs.

### DISTRICT 6

Rodney Landers, Const. Aide II, 31+ yrs.

### DISTRICT 10

Jerry Truitt, Multi-Axle Tr. Dr., 16+ yrs.

## MEMORIALS

### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

William F. Stone, Jr., 10/5/2006, Retired

### EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Luther E. Harper, 10/8/2006, Retired

## MILITARY DUTY

As of 12/4/06, the AHTD had 13 employees serving active duty in the military, and 2 employees returning. *Dates denote the deployment or release date.*

### DEPLOYED

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Travis F. Nelson, Jr., Safety Insp. Officer, 5/8/06

### MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown, Senior Traffic Inv., 6/12/06

### DISTRICT 1

Ricky L. Benson, Construction Helper II, 7/19/06

### DISTRICT 4

Brandon Bowen, Mechanic, 10/12/06  
Nathan R. Reed, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10/3/05  
Jeremy Bowles, Construction Helper II, 7/13/06

### DISTRICT 6

Shirley Hammett, Area Headquarters Att., 7/20/04

### DISTRICT 9

Steven Halsted, Hydraulic Excav. Op.-Fin., 7/3/06  
Eric Jaeger, Maintenance Aide I, 8/30/06

### DISTRICT 10

Kyle Beasley, Single Axle Truck Driver, 7/19/06  
Robert Martin, General Laborer, 7/19/06  
Dustin Miller, Bridge Repairer I, 7/19/06  
Gary Morton, Bridge Inspector Helper, 7/19/06

### RETURNING

### DISTRICT 1

Roger Specking, Bridge Job Supt., 10/2/06  
R.M. Ferrell, Backhoe/FEL. Opr., 10/27/06



Answer to "Where is This?"  
Hwy 62/412 crosses the White River  
near Cotter at the Baxter/Marion  
County line.