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Drivers: watch for flooded roadways

With up to five inches of rain in the forecast and the ground already saturated, conditions are favorable for flooding on Greene County roadways Thursday.

The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for Greene County until Thursday evening as remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine bring rain into the Ozarks.

Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, urges motorists not to risk driving on flood-covered roadways.

“Last week, emergency responders performed 21 water rescues in Springfield and Greene County — almost all of them were drivers who thought they could make it across a flooded roadway,” said Nicholls. “It only takes a few inches of water to stall a car, and if it’s moving, that much water can wash a car clear off the road.”

Heavy rain on Sept. 1 and 2 forced the closure of more than 50 roads in unincorporated Greene County and several more in Springfield. These three roads remain closed this week in southeast Greene County:

- Farm Road 193 at Farm Road 174
- Farm Road 170 east of Farm Road 223
- Farm Road 243 between Farm Road 166 and Farm Road 170

Nicholls reminds motorists of the phrase, “Turn around, don’t drown.”

For more information, contact Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, at 417-869-6040; or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-224-5510.

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