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### **Seven roads remain closed in eastern Greene County**

Floodwaters have subsided from all but seven of more than 50 Greene County roadways closed Tuesday due to record rainfall.

The Greene County Highway Department has reopened roads in District 1 — western Greene County. Seven roadways remain closed due to flooding this afternoon in District 2, including:

North of Strafford

- Farm Road 80, east of State Highway 125

Between Rogersville and Springfield

- Farm Road 170, east of Farm Road 223
- Farm Road 174, east of Farm Road 193
- Farm Road 186, between Farm Road 223 and State Highway 125
- Farm Road 193, between Farm Road 170 and Farm Road 174
- Farm Road 219, south of US 60
- Farm Road 243, south of Farm Road 166

“We did have seven to ten inches of rain out near Rogersville, but most of the flooding in that area is due to sinkholes, not the James River and its tributaries,” said Kevin Barnes, Greene County Stormwater Engineer. “We’re just waiting for these sinkholes to drain naturally, which could take up a week, barring new rainfall.”

Motorists are urged to observe barricades on these roads, and to always avoid driving on roads covered in water. Road beds may be washed out below the water’s surface, and even a few inches of rushing water may carry a vehicle off the road. Turn around, don’t drown.

For more information, call the Greene County Highway Department at 417-831-3591, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-224-5510.

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