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More Greene County roads reopened, 25 remain barricaded

The Greene County Highway Department has reopened 22 roads today, including all but two in western Greene County, following flooding from several days of rain. However, 25 roads and intersections remain barricaded due to water over the road, including five newly barricaded roadways in southeast Greene County.

“The majority of our flooded roads are now in the larger drainage basins, like the James River valley or sinkholes, where it takes longer for the water to crest and come down,” said Duffy Mooney, Greene County Highway Department Assistant Administrator. “Most of the smaller streams have receded today. But with the amount of saturation the ground has had, any amount of new rain we have could cause those flash floods to flare up again.”

Mooney urges motorists to remain cautious when driving in the county this evening. Barricaded roads include:

District 1 (western Greene County)

Farm Road 87 south of Farm Road 84 —west of Willard
Farm Road 120 and Farm Road 35 — west of Bois D’Arc

District 2 (eastern Greene County)

Farm Road 199 south of State Highway CC — west of Fair Grove
Farm Road 213 south of State Highway OO — between Springfield and Strafford
Farm Road 213 north of State Highway YY — east of Springfield
Farm Road 170, between Farm Road 223 and Farm Road 227
Farm Road 166 east of State Highway 125 — northwest of Rogersville
Farm Road 219 south of US 60 — between Springfield and Rogersville
Farm Road 193 south of Farm Road 148 — east of Springfield
Farm Road 223 north of Farm Road 170 — between Springfield and Rogersville
Farm Road 156 east of State Highway D (Gladia Street) — north of Rogersville
Farm Road 243 between Farm Road 166 and Farm Road 170 — west of Rogersville
Farm Road 112 west of Farm Road 249 — southeast of Strafford
Farm Road 199 south of Farm Road 174 — east of Springfield
Farm Road 199 south of State Highway YY — east of Springfield
Farm Road 231 and Farm Road 2 — northeast of Fair Grove
Farm Road 199 north of Farm Road 34 — west of Fair Grove
Farm Road 199 and State Highway CC — west of Fair Grove
Farm Road 80 east of State Highway 125 — Strafford area
Farm Road 247 at Farm Road 186 — west of Rogersville
* Farm Road 193, between Farm Road 156 and Farm Road 164 — east of Springfield
* Farm Road 174 between Farm Road 193 and State Highway J — east of Springfield
* Farm Road 168 east of Farm Road 205 — east of Springfield
* Farm Road 174 east of State Highway 125 — west of Rogersville
* Farm Road 213 north of US 60 — between Springfield and Rogersville

New additions since yesterday are marked with *. This list will be updated as needed.

Do not drive around barricades. 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. Remember: “Turn around, don’t drown.”

For more information, or to report a flooded road, call the Greene County Highway Department at 417-831-3591. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards at 417-829-6019 or 417-224-5510.

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