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Press Release

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Current Flooding and Road Closures

Lawrence County Engineer Patrick D. Leighty announced today that due to the current river elevations, four roads are still currently closed; CR 181 (Hog Run) at the 0.60 mile mark, CR 22 (Little Storms Creek) at the 0.70 mile mark, CR 42 (Athalia Road) at the 1.35 mile mark, and CR 402 (McCall Creek) at the 1.10 mile mark.

With the current predictions of the Ohio River elevation at the Huntington Gage being 54.50 feet at 7 am on Tuesday, February 27th by the National Weather Service, and may be higher once new data is extrapolated, many more roads will be closed. This list is the predicted closure times for these roads: CR 123 (Chesapeake-Symmes Creek) at the 1.40 mile mark and CR 123A at the 0.05 mile mark by Saturday the 24th at 1 pm; CR 181 (Hog Run) at the 1.60 mile mark by Saturday the 24th at 7 pm; CR 1 (Old US 52) at the 9.90 mile mark, and CR 104 (Boothe Eaton) at the 1.90 mile mark by Sunday the 25th at 1 am; CR 73 (Federal Creek) by Sunday the 25th at 7 am; CR 1 (Old US 52) at the 6.00 mile mark by Sunday the 25th at 1 pm; CR 56 (Possum Hollow) at the 0.05 mile mark, CR 2 (Greasy Ridge) at the 0.02 mile mark, CR 68 (Shafer Town) at the 0.05 mile mark, and CR 69 (Indian-Guyan) at the 0.10 mile mark by Sunday the 25th at 7 pm; CR 1 (Old US 52) at the 9.48 mile mark, CR 22 (Little Storms Creek) at the 1.30 mile mark, CR 775 (Old SR 775) at the 0.20 mile mark, CR 104 (Boothe Eaton) at the 0.50 mile mark, and CR 403 (Irene Road) at the 0.13 mile mark by Monday the 26th at 1 am; CR 1 (Old US 52) at the 9.32 mile mark and CR 69 (Indian-Guyan) at the 2.30 mile mark by Monday the 26th at 7 am; CR 1 (Old US 52) at the 11.40 mile mark and CR 21 (Porter Gap) at the 0.25 mile mark by Monday the 26th at 7 pm; and CR 15 (Buffalo Creek) at the 8.30 mile mark by Tuesday the 27th at 7 am. These are approximations and will give you a rough estimate as to when the water will crest the road. There will also be several State Roads that will be closed, but at this time, we do not have information on as to when they will be closed.

Leighty said, "We will be putting out as many signs as possible to alert drivers of the hazards, but if anyone approaches high water, please do not drive through it as we would not want these flood situations to become fatal. Once the water has gone down, we will be assessing the damages and applying for disaster relief". Leighty also stated that if you are in an area that will be blocked in, do not hesitate to get supplies or make arrangements as these times are a guideline and there are possibilities that your road may flood faster than predicted.