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Dangerous Frequently Flooded Roads in Randolph County Will Receive Warning Signs on Thursday, June 22nd

The historic flooding of the Black River in northeast Arkansas in early May highlighted the danger of flooding across the region as hundreds of homes and businesses were inundated by flood waters as the Black River crested to record levels on May 2, 2017. This flooding resulted in breaches of earthen levees along the Black River which resulted in the dangerous flooding of many area roads and highways. Catastrophic flash and river flooding was responsible for over \$100 million in damages across eastern Arkansas in early May.



To help increase awareness to the dangers of flooding and help to improve the resilience of the communities in Randolph County to future flood events, the National Weather Service, in coordination with the Randolph County Office of Emergency Management, will be installing “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” signs at two key locations in Randolph County that frequently suffer from flash flooding.

The first sign will be installed at:

Country Club Road: Where the road connects the northern part of the county Highway 251 to Highway 90 and provides access to Five Rivers Medical Center from the north.

The second sign will be installed at:

Pyburn Extended Rd: At a lower elevation portion of this well-travelled county road which includes mainly residential traffic in and out of Pocahontas. This county road serves the residential area that lies between Highway 90 West and Highway 62 West.

These signs will be presented Thursday morning at 10 AM to Randolph County officials at the County Judges office (**108 N Marr St, Pocahontas, AR 72455**) for installation at the sites included above.

For more information regarding the details of installation of these signs, please feel free to contact:

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