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MDOT Receives Traffic Alert from Arkansas DOT regarding Interstate 40 closures

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has just announced (3:00 pm Friday, May 6) that the eastbound I-40 detour at Hazen is being reconfigured due to rising water in the White River downstream from the Interstate. Highway 1 near St. Charles is now unsafe to pass and is being closed down.

Westbound I-40 detour is not affected.

All eastbound traffic is still being directed off of I-40 at Hazen (Exit 193). All traffic must travel south on Highway 63 to Stuttgart. At Stuttgart CARS ONLY will be detoured to Highway 79 east to Highway 49 north to Brinkley (Exit 216) and then east on I-40.

A separate TRUCK DETOUR will be in effect beginning at Stuttgart. Trucks will have two alternatives to travel from Stuttgart. Option A is Highway 79 south to Pine Bluff and Highway 65 south to Greenville. Option B is Highway 165 through DeWitt to Dumas and then Highway 65 to Greenville.

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