

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Arkansas National Guard to open roads on Fort Chaffee today

~ Assists residents of Lavaca and Greenwood due to flooding on Hwy 255, Hwy 22

WHO: The Arkansas National Guard

WHAT: Will open First Avenue at the Fort Chaffee main gate and Fort Smith Boulevard on Hwy 96 on Fort Chaffee to assist residents of Lavaca and Greenwood, due to flooding from the Arkansas River that led to closures of parts of Highways 255 and 22. Residents should be aware that Fort Smith Boulevard is a gravel improved road intended for military vehicles and some vehicles with low clearance may experience difficulties on the road due to its current condition. Civilians utilizing the road are reminded to obey posted speed limits while on Fort Chaffee and to not deviate from the prescribed route. Access to other areas on Fort Chaffee is restricted due to ongoing training and current operations. Speed limits along this route is 25 mph. Law Enforcement and Military Police will be present to monitor traffic and control access to other parts of the installation.

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. (Highway 22 at 1st Avenue to Fort Smith Blvd at Hwy 96)

WHY: Parts of Highways 255 and 22 have been closed due to Arkansas River flooding. The Arkansas National Guard's Fort Chaffee facility is uniquely located and is proud to assist area residents to alleviate an already challenging situation for residents of the local communities. Access to Fort Chaffee for residents to transit through will continue until flood waters have receded and the flooded roads are determined safe to travel again. Area residents with any questions about access to Fort Chaffee should contact the Fort Chaffee Operations Officer direct at 479-484-2201 during normal duty hours.