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Missouri - The flood of 2017 in Missouri began on April 29 and Missouri continues to have roads closed due to flooding on May 11.

The total cost of this flood will not be known for months. Three bridges were completely washed away in southern Missouri, and the Interstate 44 bridge at Hazelgreen had the top layer of asphalt peeled off. Many rivers hit record crests across the state.

Here's a recap of the record breaking statistics:

- On Sunday, April 30, Missouri peaked with 384 roads closed.
- MoDOT's Traveler Information Map reached more than 1 million visitors.
- Each day 35 to 45 MoDOT employees worked the customer service lines handling nearly 50,000 calls for the week.
- MoDOT was represented in approximately 1,500 media articles across the state.
- MoDOT's statewide Facebook page increased its following by 12,265 followers, and the page reached 4.8 million users with flooding posts.
- Due to the increased following to the MoDOT statewide Facebook page, MoDOT now has the third highest following of any DOT.
- The statewide Twitter account increased by 1,503 followers and reached 1.2 million users with flooding information.

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