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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency – Arkansas Federal Parks/Rec. Agency Timelines

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The below information is based on website updates and media releases and includes COVID-19 closings and openings. The info details updates since June 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and current to June 22, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

NPS – Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site

- **Beginning June 22, 2020, Little Rock Central High School NHS will begin Phase II access** which includes:
Daily streetscape tours of no more than 10 visitors (a streetscape tour is a walking interpretive program from the visitor center to Little Rock Central High School that will share the story of the Little Rock Nine, desegregation, education and civil rights without access into Little Rock Central High School). Streetscape tours will be given at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. CDT. Tours are by confirmed reservation only and must be reserved at a minimum of forty-eight hours in advance. Phase II includes continued access to Phase I facilities and services.
- Phase III will eventually allow full access to the visitor center, exhibits, park film, bookstore, and scheduled tours of no more than 50 participants. However, moving to Phase III is contingent upon successful implementation of Phase II as well as sufficient staff capacity, personal protective equipment, and current local and state health guidance.

U.S Forest Service – Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

- Per the June 22, 2020 "Status Update of Recreation Areas webpage" – The Rotary Ann Rest Area on Highway 7 (Pope County) has reopened.

U.S. Forest Service – Ouachita National Forest

- Per the June 22, 2020 "Status Update of Recreation Areas webpage" – The Rich Mountain Tower restroom (Polk County) has reopened.
- Per the June 22, 2020 "Status Update of Recreation Areas webpage" – The Talimena Scenic Drive - East End Visitor Center restrooms (Polk County) are reopened.