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Recreation Areas Closed

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The USDA Forest Service is closing all recreation areas across the Cherokee National Forest immediately until Hurricane Ivan passes and storm damage can be assessed. This includes all campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps, viewing areas, trailheads and trails.

Excessive rains and wind expected from Ivan has the potential to create high water, falling trees, mudslides, and damaged roads.

Forest Supervisor H. Thomas Speaks, Jr. stated, "Due to the potential hazards we recommend that everyone postpone their visit to the Forest until after the storm has passed and damage can be assessed."

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