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Campground Reopened After Vandalism Repairs

TELLICO PLAINS , TN – April 18, 2005... USDA Forest Service officials at the Tellico Ranger District have reopened the North River Campground in the Cherokee National Forest. The campground has been closed since Feb 21, 2005 due to extensive vandalism.

The damaged facilities have been repaired and the fallen trees have been removed from the site. Tellico District Ranger Keith Lannom said "We are very pleased to have North River Campground open again. Many families and groups who normally camp at North River were very disappointed that someone would intentionally damage their favorite campground. It will be nice to see those families enjoying the site again."

The investigation of the incident is ongoing. A \$500 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the vandalism at North River Campground. Information regarding the identity of the vandals or any information pertaining to the incident can be reported to the Tellico Ranger District at 423-253-2520. Your help in obtaining information would be greatly appreciated.

North River Campground is a popular year round facility offering eleven campsites adjacent to North River.