

Hello, this is Corree from the Wrangell Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest. I'm here with the Recreation and Road report for July 12th-July 19th.

Road Conditions/Construction:

- WCA is working on culvert replacements on the mainline McCormack Creek Road 6265, between the Lower Salamander Campground and the Fools Junction Road. Dump trucks will be hauling, so please use caution and expect delays of up to several hours from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday.
- There is road brushing & grading scheduled for the Nemo Loop Road 6267.
- On Zarembo Island, there is bridge construction scheduled on the Beach Road 6590, at milepost 26. The work will involve heavy machinery and cause temporary road closures.

Logging Traffic:

- On Zarembo Island, watch for logging activity & haul from the Middle Road 6590, the Snow Pass Rd 6585, and the ZigZag road 52026 to St. Johns Harbor.

Recreational Reminders:

- Due to reduced budgets, the Forest Service is not supplying firewood at cabins and campsites at this time, except at Middle Ridge Cabin.
- Due to reduced staffing, the District is relying on reports from the public to notify us if anything is broken or vandalized at recreation sites. Call Kristin at the front desk at 874-2323 to report conditions. Due to this reduced staffing, we would also like to remind recreation users to pack out all trash and items that that you pack in to campsites and cabins as a courtesy to other visitors.

Anan Wildlife Observatory.

- Permits are required for visiting Anan until August 25th. Requests for a limited amount of Anan Permits will be accepted in-person at the Wrangell District front desk. More details on this process can be found by contacting the front desk at 874-2323.

Community Programs

- Forest Explorers will be at Shoemaker Park this Thursday, July 14th. Forest Explorers is a partnership with Wrangell Parks & Recreation and all participants must be signed up with the Parks & Rec Summer program beforehand.
- The Read with a Ranger program will meet this Friday, July 15th from 10:30-11:30 am at the Irene Ingle Public Library. This week we will be learning about plants of the forest.
- Also join us at the Nemo Campsite for the weekly potluck & Campfire program this Friday, July 15th, to learn about our local birds with Bonnie Demerjian. The Nemo Potluck starts at 6pm, and the Campfire program starts at 7pm.
- The Wrangell-Petersburg-Kake Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is seeking proposals for projects. The next RAC meeting to review proposals will be July 30th. Proposal forms can be obtained at the District Office front desk.

This announcement is courtesy of KSTK and your Wrangell Ranger District and can be found posted online at www.kstk.org. Thanks for listening.