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North Cherokee National Forest Seasonal Road Opening Schedule

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Unicoi, Tenn. – March 7, 2014 ... U.S. Forest Service officials at the Cherokee National Forest recently announced the annual schedule for opening some roads that are closed seasonally. These roads are located in the northern portion of the Cherokee National Forest (Cherokee Wildlife Management Area) in Cocke, Greene, Washington, Unicoi, Carter, Sullivan and Johnson counties.

“Certain roads in the Cherokee National Forest are systematically closed to motorized vehicle use primarily during the winter months to help protect wildlife habitat, decrease wildlife disturbance, and to reduce resource damage,” said Watauga District Ranger Keith Kelley. “Some of these roads are opened seasonally to allow for recreation use and general public access.”

Roads may be opened later than scheduled due to poor road conditions brought on by extreme weather conditions, including existing snow and ice pack, and the potential for resource damage. These weather conditions may include freezing/thawing or storm damage.

For additional information, contact the following U.S. Forest Service offices: Unaka Ranger Station, Greeneville, Tenn., – Phone: 423-638-4109; Watauga Ranger Station, Unicoi, Tenn. - Phone: 423-735-1500.

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North Cherokee National Forest Seasonal Road Opening Schedule
Unaka and Watauga Ranger Districts
Spring 2014

Roads open March 19, 2014 - May 12, 2014

ROAD	NUMBER	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Cedar Gap	293A	Carter	
Little Pond Mountain Road	6034	Carter	Open to second gate. May be closed early for timber sale activities.
Parks Branch	6049	Johnson	1.0 mi to second gate.
Gouge Tract	602101	Johnson	

Roads open March 19, 2014 – December 15, 2014

ROAD	NUMBER	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Little Oak	87G	Sullivan	Opening March 11
Big Creek	87C	Sullivan	
Cherry Flats	50A	Carter	Will close at some time for timber sale activity during open road season.
Frog Level	50F	Carter	
Mill Creek/Holston Mountain	56/202	Carter	
Bitter End	293	Carter	Closed May 16 - July 13
Irishman's Branch	313	Unicoi	
Little Mountain	359	Unicoi	
Unaka Mountain Road	230	Unicoi	
Briar Creek	188	Washington	Opening may be delayed due to road work.
Little Paint Creek	31B	Greene	And loop 31C
Old Forge (Jennings Creek)	331	Greene	
Firescald	358	Greene	And 358A.
Coon Branch (Wolf Creek)	96-1	Cocke	
Big Clifty	404	Cocke	
Meadow Creek Mountain	142	Cocke	
Weaver Bend Road	209C	Cocke	
Rattlesnake	3242	Cocke	

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The following roads are scheduled to open on March 19, 2014, but opening will **be delayed** due to on-going road maintenance activities. Roads will be opened once work is completed.

ROAD	NUMBER	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Shad Road	422	Greene	
Rough Branch	422A	Greene	

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