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Todd Lake Recreation Area will be Closed in 2015 for Dam Reconstruction

(April 8, 2015 Roanoke, Va) - The U.S.D.A. Forest Service announced that Todd Lake Recreation Area, located in Augusta County, Virginia will not open in 2015 due to reconstruction of the Todd Lake Dam. Closures include the Campground and Day Use Areas, and Todd Lake Loop Trail. A portion of Leading Ridge Road (Forest Road #95a) will also close during reconstruction. The entire area, which usually is open from mid-May to mid-October, will not re-open to the public until the summer of 2016.

Todd Lake Dam, owned and operated by the Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District, needs upgrades to meet State requirements. Although, this is not a Forest Service project, Todd Lake is located on the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. The construction work is extensive and to ensure the public's safety, we will close the Todd Lake Recreation Area for the 2015 season. During construction, the road to Todd Lake Campground and Day-Use area will be removed to widen the spillway. The road will be relocated after construction is complete.

In 1963, The Todd Lake Dam was built on Todd Lake to control water flow during floods and high water events to protect the city of Bridgewater, and communities downstream. The Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District operates the dam under a special use permit issued by the Forest Service.

We encourage the public to take advantage of our many other campgrounds and day use areas this summer. For an experience comparable to Todd Lake we recommend Brandywine Campground, Day Use Area and Swimming Beach. For those looking for a more rustic experience, we recommend the nearby North River, and Hone Quarry Campgrounds. Additional information and recommendations can be obtained by calling the North River Ranger District Office at (540) 432-0187.

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