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Twin Lakes and Loleta Swim Areas Temporarily Closed

Warren, Pa. (August 14, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest has announced that Twin Lakes and Loleta swim areas are closed due to E. coli in the water. However, visitors may still use both picnic areas and enjoy the swim areas at Kiasutha and Kinzua Beach. The swim water on the Allegheny National Forest’s four beaches are tested weekly by a certified lab during the summer. Twin Lakes and Loleta will reopen when the test results are within normal limits.

E. coli is a bacterium that comes from human or animal wastes (such as Canada Geese). It also frequently occurs after periods of heavy rain when swimming areas are more likely to be flooded by runoff. For additional information about E. coli, please go to the Center for Disease Control’s website: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/rwi/rwi-what.html>

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