

# National Forests in Alabama

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# News

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Forest Service Postpones Planned Public Lands Day Events

**WHAT:** The Public Lands Day Event planned for September 17 on the Talladega Ranger District will be postponed until November 10. The Shoal Creek District tour that was planned for September 18 will be postponed until further notice.

**WHO:** USDA Forest Service, Talladega and Shoal Creek Districts

**WHEN:** The Public Lands Day celebration scheduled for September 17 is now planned for November 10.

**WHERE:** Lake Chinnabee - Talladega District, Talladega National Forest, Talladega, Alabama. Shoal Creek District, Talladega National Forest, Heflin, Alabama.

**WHY:** Due to the threat of Hurricane Ivan to the area, the Public Lands Day Project for the Talladega District, and the tour of the Shoal Creek District is postponed until to a later date.

Tammy, in your advisory relative to postponement of National Public Lands Day, if appropriate, include these closures or you may want to do separate advisories.

We have decided to close Payne Lake, effective tomorrow am... Its not a safe refuge with potential high winds...( the local WinWood Inn is already full., so folks have already made it this far)

Talladega District: All Recreation areas will be closed Thursday until further notice. (Will reopen as soon as possible)

Conecuh will probably have closures....check with Gary on that as well as Tuskegee.

Users should probably call the districts before making plans to visit.