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North Cherokee National Forest Seasonal Road Opening Schedule

Unicoi, Tenn. – March 11, 2013 ... 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 to help protect wildlife habitat, decrease wildlife disturbance, and to reduce resource damage,” said Unaka District Ranger Terry Bowerman. “However, some of these roads are temporarily opened for short periods to provide seasonal 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 2013

Roads open March 20, 2013 - May 12, 2013

ROAD	NUMBER	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Cedar Gap	293A	Carter	
Gouge Tract	602101	Johnson	

Roads open March 20, 2013

ROAD	NUMBER	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Little Oak	87G	Sullivan	
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	
White Rocks	5314	Carter	
Irishman's Branch	313	Unicoi	
Little Mountain	359	Unicoi	
Little Paint Creek	31B	Greene	And loop 31C
Old Forge (Jennings Creek)	331	Greene	
Coon Branch	96-1	Cocke	
Big Clifty	404	Cocke	
Meadow Creek Mountain	142	Cocke	
Weaver Bend Road	209C	Cocke	
Rattlesnake	3242	Cocke	

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North Cherokee National Forest Seasonal Road Opening Schedule

The following roads are scheduled to open on March 20, 2013, but opening will be **delayed** due to winter weather (snow, ice) conditions at high elevations. These roads will be opened when conditions improve and are safe for travel.

ROAD	NUMBER	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Mill Creek/Holston Mountain	56/202	Carter	
Little Pond Mountain Road	6034	Carter	Open to second gate. Close on May 13, 2013
George Creek	53301	Carter	Open to second gate. Close on May 13, 2013
Bitter End	293	Carter	Closed May 16 - July 12
Parks Branch	6049	Johnson	1.0 mi to second gate. Close on May 13, 2013
Rich Mountain	190	Unicoi	A portion of the road may remain closed due to resource damage.
Unaka Mountain Road	230	Unicoi	
Firescald	358	Greene	And 358A.
Shad Road	422	Greene	
Rough Branch	422A	Greene	

The following roads are scheduled to open on March 20, 2013, **but will remain closed indefinitely** due to resource damage and public safety concerns.

ROAD	NUMBER	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Briar Creek	188	Washington	
Piney Grove	53351	Carter	
Moffitt Laurel	4331	Carter	To second gate
Long Branch	4365	Unicoi	
Round Knob (Greystone)	88	Greene	Above the picnic area

Spring Road Closures

Road closed May 16, 2013 - July 12, 2013

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Bitter End	293	Carter	

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