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Forest Service Announces Seasonal Closures

Natural Bridge Station, Va. - The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture will temporarily close some recreation areas and roads for the winter in Amherst, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Nelson, and Rockbridge counties. More than 100 miles of national forest roads in these counties remain open year round. A few roads will open for the fall, and close early January. Visit www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj for current closure information.

Cave Mountain Lake Recreation Area will close for the winter on October 31, 2013 and will reopen April 1, 2014. Camping at Sherando Lake Recreation Area will close October 31, 2013, and reopen April 1, 2014. However, the group camp area, day use areas, hiking trails, and picnic facilities at Sherando Lake will remain open until January 6, 2014 (unless road conditions become hazardous due to winter weather), and reopen April 1, 2014. The gate above the lower lake fisherman's access road will close January 6, 2014 and reopen March 1, 2014, but access to the lower lake will remain open.

North Creek Campground and Hopper Creek Group Camp will close for the winter on December 2, 2013 and reopen March 14, 2014. The South Pedlar ATV Trail System will close on December 2, 2013 and reopen April 1, 2014.

In addition, several vault toilet facilities at recreation sites will close for the winter on December 2, 2013 and reopen on March 14, 2014. These include the vault toilets at the Locher Tract in Rockbridge County, Oronoco in Amherst County, Day Creek in Bedford County, and Crabtree Meadows in Nelson County.

Additional information is available at www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj or by calling the Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger District's office (540) 291-2188.

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