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**Temporary Road Closures in the Tellico Ranger District**

**TELLICO PLAINS, TENN – February 4, 2014...** Due to recent severe winter weather conditions, U.S. Forest Service officials at the Cherokee National Forest say they have temporarily closed several roads in the Tellico Ranger District in Monroe County. The closures are effective immediately and will remain in effect until weather and road conditions improve. Other roads may be closed if road conditions deteriorate.

Tellico District Ranger Katherine Foster said, “Roads will remain closed until conditions improve. The below freezing temperatures coupled with snow and rain has made road surfaces soft and in some cases icy. Travel is causing severe damage to the roads as well as being a public safety concern”.

National forest visitors should use caution when traveling on National Forest System roads. Road conditions change rapidly and icing could occur.

**Current Temporary Road Closures:**

Old Furnace Road. - NFSR 76  
Wildcat Road. - NFSR 384  
Bald River Road. - NFSR 126  
Whigg Road. - NFSR 61

**Additional Closures If Needed:**

Doublecamp - Jake Best Road – NFSR 2659  
North River Road – NFSR 217

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