



Pisgah National Forest, Grandfather Ranger District

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GRANDFATHER RANGER DISTRICT SPECIFICS

The Grandfather Ranger District is one of three districts that make up the Pisgah National Forest. The district covers over 192,000 acres in McDowell, Avery, Burke, Caldwell and Watauga Counties.

- There are crews out now assessing the road damage and making minor repairs.
- The forest will be prioritizing the major repairs, but the public needs to understand that it will take months to get some of the roads back to a usable condition.
- If a road was severely damaged and it had a gate, the gate was closed. Unfortunately, many of these severely damaged roads lead to popular recreation areas, which were, in many cases, also damaged.
- The following areas are closed until further notice:

McDowell County

Curtis Creek Campground

Burke County

Brown Mtn OHV Area (at least through weekend)

Table Rock Picnic/Parking Area

Linville Gorge Trails and Camping (at least through weekend)

Steels Creek Dispersed Camping Area

Upper Creek Dispersed Camping Area

Caldwell County

Mortimer Campground/Picnic Area

Parking areas along Wilson Creek

- The public is also advised not to go on any trails this weekend. Rivers and normally dry drainages are running with high, swift waters.
- District employees to begin assessing trail damage next week.
- The big unknown for now, is whether or not the path of Hurricane Ivan will bring more rain to the area next week.

For more information, concerning the Grandfather Ranger District, contact 828-652-2144.

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