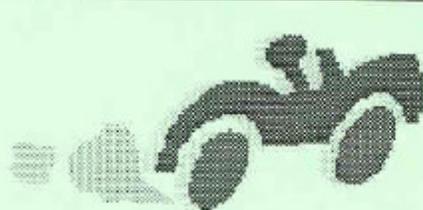


The Uwharrie National Forest
Announces:

TRAIL CLOSURE !!



The 16-mile system of designated, off-highway vehicle trails in the Badin area will be **TEMPORARILY** closed from December 15, 1999 through March 31, 2000*. The closure affects **ALL** users, including bicyclists, equestrians, ATV riders, motorcyclists and operators of **ALL OTHER** motorized vehicles.

This is being done to protect the trail tread from damage during wet, winter weather, and to prevent unacceptable soil erosion and stream sedimentation.

* Wet weather on either end of the planned closure period noted above could necessitate closing the trails earlier than 12/15/99, or extend the period of closure beyond 3/31/00. Please call the District Ranger's Office at (910) 576-6391 for the latest information on the timing of the closure.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION !!

