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Black Mountain Campground Re-opens in Time for Labor Day Weekend

Black Mountain and Briar Bottom Campgrounds have now re-opened in time for Labor Day weekend. Heavy rains from the remnants of Hurricane Katrina had washed out portions of South Toe River Road (NFSR #472) in Yancey County forcing closure of Black Mountain campground.

According to David McFee, Asssistant Ranger for the Appalachian District of the Pisgah National Forest, "After completing temporary repairs, we re-opened South Toe River Road (NFSR# 472) Thursday evening at 6pm. South Toe River road provides access to several private residents, Black Mountain and Briar Bottom Campgrounds. Neals Creek road was used as an alternative access for emergency purposes and now is closed with the opening of South Toe Road. Black Mountain and Briar Bottom Campgrounds will be reopened on 9/2/05 around 8:00am for the Labor Day Holiday."

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