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### **Black Mountain Campground Closed Due to Flooding from Katrina**

Heavy rains from the remnants of Hurricane Katrina have washed out portions of South Toe River Road (NFSR #472) in Yancey County forcing closure of Black Mountain campground. This same area was heavily damaged from last year's flooding associated with Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.

David McFee, assistant district ranger for the Appalachian District of the Pisgah National Forest, reports that "NFSR #472 is closed past Mt Mitchell Golf Course due to flooding and loss of road prism on the lower section at the slide area where we have the concrete barriers (approx 1/4 mile past end of pavement). We have successfully evacuated and closed both Black Mtn and Briar Bottom Campgrounds. We will be using NFSR# 2074 (Neals Creek Road) for emergency access purposes only for local residents. We hope to make temporary repairs on the slide area so we can provide access for local residents and reopen the campgrounds for the Labor Day weekend."

So far this is the only flood damage reported on the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests from the heavy rains passing through western North Carolina over the last 24 hours. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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