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LAKE POWHATAN RE-OPENS AFTER WATER IS RESTORED

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The Forest received the final test results this morning on the new water system for Lake Powhatan. The water tested safe to drink, and as a result, Lake Powhatan campground and swimming and fishing area will re-open to the public at noon today.

The Forest Service originally anticipated that work on running city water to the campground would be completed by April 1st, but construction problems caused the opening of Lake Powhatan to be delayed.

"We regret the inconvenience that this delayed opening has caused the public," said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Terry Seyden. "However, now that we are tied into city water, Lake Powhattan visitors can be assured of reliable, high quality water now and in the future."