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Roan Mountain Fee Area Opening Delayed

Roan Mountain Fee Demo Area, located southwest of Carver's Gap on the Pisgah National Forest in Mitchell County, will not open until the end of May this year. The delay is due to a construction project to improve the water and sewer systems in the fee demo area. The area, which includes the Roan Mountain Gardens, normally opens around May 1. "Due to delays in the construction project we will not be able to open the top of the mountain at our normal time. We will be open before the rhododendrons bloom in June. I am sorry for any inconvenience this will cause for our visitors," said Paul Bradley, District Ranger for the Appalachian Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest. The gate on Forest Service Road 1348 at Carver's Gap will be closed, but people can still enjoy the mountain by parking at Carver's Gap and walking the Appalachian Trail.

For further information on Roan Mountain, please contact the USDA Forest Service in Burnsville at (828) 682-6146 between of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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