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Forest Service to Conduct Condition Surveys of Tellico ORV Area

The US Forest Service will be conducting condition surveys of the roads and trails in the Tellico OHV trails area from October 29th through November 11th 2007.

During this time, teams of engineers, hydrologists and fisheries biologists will be measuring the current state of the trails and collect data to determine the amount of erosion, potential for future erosion and its impact on the streams in the area.

The Forest Service will use this information to set priorities to reduce sediment entering Tellico River, which supports a native brook trout fishery.

The public is asked to use caution if they are using the trails at this time and if possible to avoid those that are marked as being surveyed. Questions can be directed to the Tusquitee Ranger District office in Murphy at (828) 837-5152.

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