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## **TOWER ROCK AND IRON FURNACE RECREATION AREA UPDATES**

**Harrisburg, IL, May 16, 2008** – The Hidden Springs Acting District Ranger has closed the Tower Rock Campground and Picnic Area, as a result of flooding damage and debris. The site will remain closed until further notice. Tower Rock Camping Area is a general forest area, primitive camping only, with no fees, no toilets and no drinking water. Due to future flooding concerns we will continue to gate the area annually between December 15 and May 1.

Iron Furnace Picnic Area suffered severe ice storm damage and flood debris this year, but should be cleaned and maintained within a short time frame.

For further information about either of these areas, please contact Bob Monroe at (618) 658-1308.

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