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Hooker Falls Access Area to get new restroom

CEDAR MOUNTAIN - DuPont State Recreational Forest (DSRF) will be improving visitor service by adding a permanent restroom near the Hooker Falls Access Area. The construction will start today, April 16th, and is expected to be completed by mid-August. The bathrooms are designed to handle more people and will be an improvement over the portable toilets currently at that location. The funding for the facility was made possible by the support of the Friends of DuPont Forest, the N.C. Legislature and the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

During the construction, the upper lot at the Hooker Falls will be closed to facilitate the construction process. This is necessary to ensure public and worker safety. The lower lot will remain open but the configuration will be changed to accommodate construction traffic and better traffic flow for visitors. Holly Road Trail and Moore Cemetery Road Trail will be closed to the public during this construction.

“We are excited to offer our visitors a new level of comfort and convenience with the new restrooms. These facilities are our first new building construction project since 2008, adding to other improvements such as the pedestrian bridge and the Aleen Steinberg Center to keep pace with the public’s needs,” Jason Guidry, DSRF forest supervisor said.

The staff at DSRF is seeking the public’s assistance during this time and asks that you:

- Do not park on the pavement or near “No Parking” signs.
- Large vehicles will not be able to park in the Hooker Falls Access Area.
- Avoid peak times to visit DSRF and note that other Access Areas are also likely to have limited parking spaces.
- Do not park over the white lines of public highways within DSRF.

We appreciate your support of DSRF’s continual improvements and safeguarding of its natural resources.

For updates on the status of the Hooker Falls project, please visit ncforestservice.gov and follow the links for DSRF.