



Current Alerts & Advisories

FS 22 (Vicinity of Watson Gap Closed)

This road closure on FS 22 combined with beaver dam high water will impact trail maintenance and hikes in the area.

FS 22 closure is 450 feet long mainly done to keep large vehicles off the road already impacted by heavy rains. Concerns about road sagging further so closed to all vehicles $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile past Watson Gap. There is no estimated re-open date.

Go to the Conasauga Ranger District (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/conf/alerts-notices/?aid=85358>) for the latest updates.

Tellico River Road (NSFR 210) Trailhead Closed

The Bald River Bridge is to be closed and will be removed on September 11, 2023. Backpackers and thru hikers traveling there from the west to access the trailhead near the Fish Hatchery (BMT Sections 16e-17a (Tellico River Road)) will require an alternate route. Alternate routes are posted on the Cherohala Highway. It is approximately a two-hour drive from Tellico Plains to the Fish Hatchery, mostly on gravel Forest Service roads. The alternate route used for the detour is known as the Turkey Creek Shortcut (NSFR 35).

The bridge is expected to re-open in the spring of 2025 (18 months for the construction is expected).