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Storm damage prompts early closure of shelter No. 2 loop of Singing Pines Day-Use Area

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hartwell Project Office](#) announces the closure of portions of the Singing Pines Day-Use Area for the remainder of the 2011 recreation season due to weather damage.

Singing Pines was originally scheduled to close Oct. 1, but due to excessive damage caused by severe thunderstorms and straight-line winds last week, Corps officials have decided to close the shelter No. 2 loop early.

The damage and safety hazards created by fallen and snapped trees is so severe that it will take three weeks or longer to make the loop safe for public use.

Closing the shelter No. 2 loop will allow ample time for the Corps to salvage timber at the site and execute a full clean-up of the park during the off-season.

Closure of the shelter No. 2 loop will have little impact on the overall recreational use of Singing Pines. The other loop of the park will remain open for use through Oct. 1. Additionally, other Corps-operated parks near Singing Pines remain available to the public.

For a complete list of all available recreation areas on Hartwell Lake, contact the project office at (706) 856-0300 or toll free at 1-888-893-0678; or visit the Hartwell Lake webpage at www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell.html.

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