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Buford Dam Road and Park Areas to Temporarily Close for Road Repairs

MOBILE, Ala.--The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, will close Buford Dam Road on October 4 for approximately five weeks. During this time, all parks with entrances on Buford Dam Road will also be closed. This includes, the Upper Overlook, Lower Pool East (Powerhouse), Lower Overlook, Lower Pool West, West Bank Turn-out, and West Bank Park.

Buford Dam Road was originally constructed for light recreational traffic. “Over the years, it has become a popular commuter route receiving more than 10,000 cars per day. This traffic has taken a toll on this road and it cannot simply be re-paved. The closure will allow the work to be accomplished expediently and without the interruption and danger from passing traffic,” said Lisa Coghlan, deputy public affairs officer. “We had been approached by local communities to determine if the work could be accomplished while only closing one lane to traffic. Due to the narrowness of the road, it was determined that we could not get the work done in a safe manner with one lane open.”

The Lake Lanier Project Management Office and Visitor Center will remain open during this road closure with access through the Volunteer Village Complex. Appropriate signage will be in place to direct visitors to the office/visitor center. Paving will begin on the Project Management Office road and parking lots on

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September 20. The office will remain open for normal business however visitors are urged to use caution and follow all traffic control devices and instructions. The Lower Overlook Park, a popular area for access to the Laurel Ridge Trail, will be closed on September 27.