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JOHNSON CREEK ROAD REOPENED

Harrisburg, IL, October 28, 2008 - Mississippi Bluffs District Ranger Dan Lentz announces the re-opening of Forest Road #724 into Johnson Creek Recreation Area on Kinkaid Lake in Jackson County, Illinois. The road has been temporarily repaired with one lane that goes around the existing slump in the road. Drivers should use caution when entering and exiting the area and avoid the orange fence and barricades that marks the hazardous slump area. The road will remain open unless further slumping occurs into the temporary road area.

The Forest Service is working closely with the Federal Highways Administration to complete permanent repairs of Forest Road #724. The Forest recently received approximately \$600,000 in funding for this project. The permanent repair is not yet scheduled and there is no completion date set.

For updates on the status of Forest Road #724, you can contact the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station at (618) 833-8576 or the Murphysboro Work Center at (618) 687-1731.

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