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Discovery of Hazardous Flood Debris Pile Closes Jacks Fork River Between Alley Spring Floater Access to Below Keaton's Landing

Van Buren, MO – Ozark National Scenic Riverways Ranger staff discovered a large debris wad of large trees, roots, and branches just below Keaton's Landing on the Jacks Fork River yesterday afternoon. This debris pile is an extremely hazardous situation for floaters. The river's strong current automatically draws floaters into the debris which can cause entanglements and swamping of water craft. Due to the hazard, the Jacks Fork River between Alley Spring floater access to just below Keaton's Landing is **CLOSED**.



The Jacks Fork River District all the way to Alley Spring floater access is open **EXCEPT FOR THE TWO RIVERS ACCESS AND ALLEY SPRING CAMPGROUND AND BOAT LAUNCH**. Due to road conditions getting to the outlying Jacks Fork River accesses, the public is advised to drive carefully and use high clearance vehicles. The Powder Mill river access is very soft and floaters are advised to use caution when using this area.

The Upper Current River District between Baptist and Williams remains **OPEN**. **HOWEVER, SINKING CREEK AND CEDAR GROVE ACCESS ARE CLOSED**.

The Lower Current River District facilities open are:

- Visitor Contact Station in Van Buren (Open daily 8:00 – 4:30)
- Big Spring Lodge, its walkway and parking lot

More park areas and facilities are anticipated to be open as the week progresses.

For more information, phone (573) 323-4236 during daily business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/ozar. Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.

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