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## Ozark National Scenic Riverways News Release

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### **Ozark National Scenic Riverways Announces Closure of Raftyard Stairs and River Access for Repairs**

**Van Buren, MO** – To address the congested visitor access and safety concerns of the existing Raftyard staircase, the steps will be removed and a new, wider staircase installed.

To accomplish this project, the river access at Raftyard will be closed beginning Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 until Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. At times, large construction equipment will be utilized as part of the project work in the Raftyard area. Consequently, to promote safety for staff and visitors, we ask all visitors and park concessionaires to choose other river access points. Upon completion, a new and wider staircase with hand railings should provide safer and less congested access to the Current River at Raftyard.

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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