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Forest Service Recommends No Travel Near Halsey

(Halsey – June 14) Travel is not recommended on the Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands, (NNF&G) due to damages from extensive rains and sustained high water over the past few days. While local staff continues to evaluate damages, NNF&G personnel from other areas are headed to Halsey to expedite repairs.

“Public safety is our first priority,” said Terry Baker, Bessey District Ranger. “We’ve received 10.5 inches here in the last five days, and flooding has caused dangerous road, trail and campground conditions,” he said. “Campers recognized the hazard on Saturday and appreciated our assistance to pull stakes and head to higher ground.” According to Baker, many of the roads are washed out, but some damages are unknown because roads are covered by water holes that span 1 to 2 acres, and are 5 to 6 feet deep.

Heaviest damage was sustained to the southern portion of the District, including Whitetail Campground, and the adjacent Dismal Play Area, which received more than 15 inches during the same time period.



Photo taken 6/13/10 on Bessey Ranger District



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