



NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

Division 14

COUNTIES SERVED | Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain, Transylvania

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Hurricane Preparedness



With hurricane season underway, NCDOT is preparing for potential future storms. Crews across the state are ensuring equipment and vehicles are running properly and taking inventory of important signage as well.

In the case of an event, our crews will be ready, and we want you to be ready, too.

Use DriveNC.gov, which provides real-time travel information for North Carolina. During major storms, NCDOT updates the site to include the latest weather-related impacts to transportation.

NCDMV Resumes Saturday Hours

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles has resumed Saturday hours at 20 driver license offices across the state.

Services will be provided from 8 a.m. - noon on Saturdays through Aug. 20.

Customers are still encouraged to utilize the [NCDMV's online services](#) for various needs, including but not limited to renewing or ordering duplicates of driver licenses



and ID cards, address changes and voter registration cards.



100 Deadliest Days of Summer Begin

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is nationally recognized as the most dangerous time of year for teen drivers.

In 2021 alone, nearly 14,000 crashes in North Carolina involved teen drivers. The Governor's Highway Safety Program and its partners are working to promote safer driving habits among teens.

You can help make a difference. Start a conversation with a teen you know about the importance of safe driving. Encourage them to take advantage of the NCDMV's Graduated Driver License (GDL) program, which helps young drivers gain experience under safer conditions.

Together, we can help reduce teen crashes and save lives.

News Near You

[NCDOT Selects Sites for Rock to Rebuild I-40](#)

HAYWOOD COUNTY – The N.C. Department of Transportation and its partners have selected two sites in the Pigeon River Gorge for extracting and storing material to help rebuild sections of Interstate 40 damaged by Hurricane Helene.



A nearly 33-acre site will be used to extract stone and an adjacent 11.5-acre site will be used to store overburden material, which will be used to restore the larger site once construction is complete. The sites are located in the Pisgah National Forest, just across the river near the eastern end of the I-40 damage.

“The coordination between all agencies and stakeholders in the area has been tremendous and provides a great start to reconstruction of this critical corridor,” NCDOT Division 14 Engineer Wesley Grindstaff said. “This decision will have the lowest impact on the long-term health of the forest out of all the possible sites.”

[Helene Projects Keep Rafting Season Afloat](#)

Thankfully, earlier this year, N.C. Department of Transportation engineers Kenny McCourt and Daniel Ross provided hope — an idea and a plan for the rafting businesses to open in time and save the season.

They devised a value engineering plan that benefits NCDOT, Duke Energy and the whitewater outfitters on the Pigeon River.



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