



Division of Water Resources

Natural Resources Unit

Notice of Individual Permit Decisions

August 7, 2026

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This serves as notice of the division's decisions on Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit or §401 Water Quality Certification applications previously posted for public comment. Publication of this notice serves as commencement of the thirty-day period for appeal by third parties pursuant to TCA 69-3-105(i). All documents pertaining to the Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP) can be viewed on the TDEC website at [Report on Permits \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tdec.gov/Report-on-Permits)

NRS23.044	Applicant:	USDA Forest Service, Cherokee National Forest		
	Activity:	The US Forest Service proposed replacement of stream crossings in the North and South Zone of the Cherokee National Forest with structures designed with a minimum span of the bankfull stream width matching the streambed gradient and eliminating perched outlets. USFS Stream Simulation Design Methodology will be applied to crossings in streams with brook trout, threatened and endangered species, regional foresters' sensitive species, or Cherokee National Forest Species of Viability Concern.		
	County:	Unicoi		
	Resource:	All streams on the Cherokee National Forest		
	Action:	Issued	Date of Action:	01-AUG-26

NRS26.085	Applicant:	Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)		
	Activity:	The Tennessee Department of Transportation proposed to replace the Interstate 40 (I-40) bridge over the French Broad River at log mile 14.70 in Jefferson County, with associated improvements at I-40 Exit 424 at State Route 113 (SR-113) and a realignment of I-40 east of the bridge to a tie-in near the existing Rest Area at log mile 15.82. The project replaces the existing 2,416-foot deck truss bridge constructed in 1961 and generally rated poor, with a new structure approximately 2,420 feet long that provides six 12-foot travel lanes, 14-foot inside shoulders, and 12-foot outside shoulders while maintaining four lanes of traffic during construction. The bridges over SR-113 at Exit 424 will be replaced by a single two span structure of approximately 160 feet that provides two 12-foot lanes in each direction with 14-foot inside shoulders and 12-foot outside shoulders, and the interchange will be reconfigured to remove the westbound loop ramp and operate as a diamond interchange.		
	County:	Jefferson		
	Resource:	Douglas Reservoir (French Broad River)		
	Action:	Issued	Date of Action:	03-AUG-26

NRS26.154

Applicant:

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Activity:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation proposed to place 262 linear feet of bank stabilization along the Pigeon River at the I-40 crossing at LM 15.05. The left-downstream bank was scoured during the floodwaters following Hurricane Helene and poses a threat to the bridge piers and abutment. Crews will construct a haul road with temporary impacts of 549 linear feet along the Pigeon River in order to construct the bank stabilization. The haul road will be removed from the river upon completion of the project.

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Resource:

Pigeon River

Action:

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