



## MEDIA RELEASE

### 4WD Track Closure – Gregory National Park

Four wheel drive tracks in Gregory National Park, located south west of Darwin will be closed from 14 November 2006 for the duration of the wet season.

Chief District Ranger Garry Fischer said that the Bullita Stock Route, Humbert Track, Wickham/Gibbie Track and Broadarrow Track would be closed for seasonal repairs, maintenance and erosion control works.

“With the wet conditions, we close the 4WD tracks to prevent them being damaged and also to avoid people getting bogged,” Mr Fischer said.

“People who have ignored 4WD track closures in the past have often been bogged for up to two or three days damaging the track in the process.

“The last thing we want is for people to get bogged as they might not have adequate items such as satellite phones to seek help or they can do further damage to the track when trying to continue their journey on their own.

“We take advantage of the closure to undertake repairs and to improve the track network’s ability to withstand erosion so that next dry season, the tracks can be opened as soon as possible for visitors to enjoy.”

Mr Fischer said the tracks would be re-opened in time for the 2007 dry season.

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