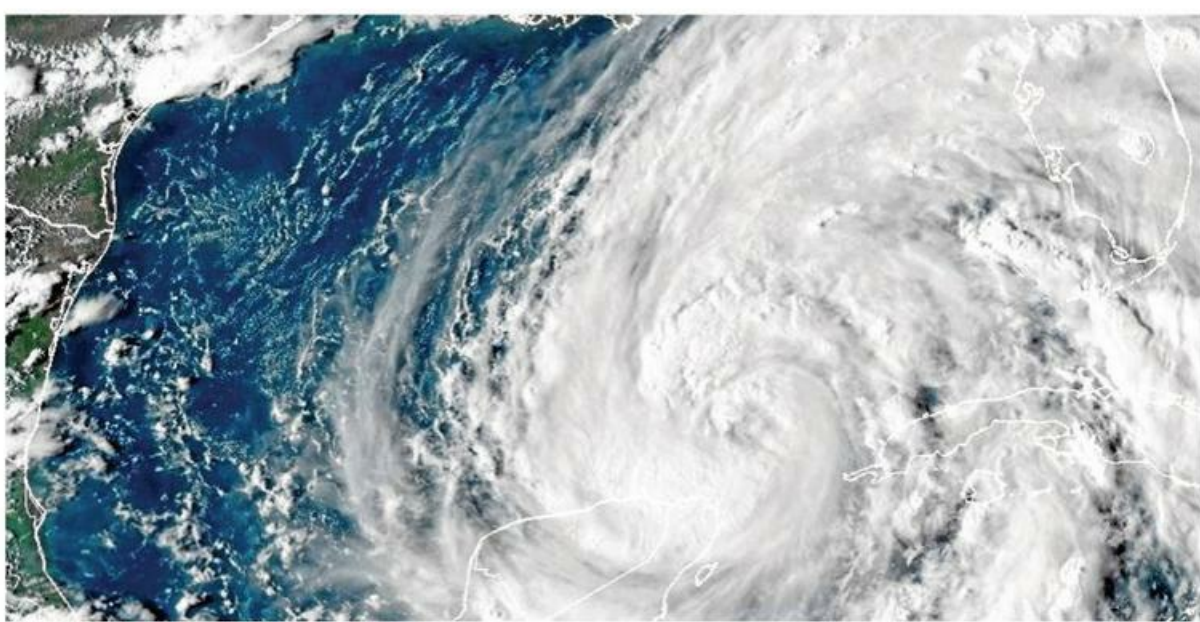


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NORTH BEND GAME LAND LAND DONATION



Duke Energy recently donated 1,250 acres of land in Burke County.

NC WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

1,250 acres added to Burke game lands near Lake James

NC WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Duke Energy recently donated about 1,250 acres in Burke County to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The property consists of three tracts of land located below Lake James along the Catawba River in Burke County. The

property will be enrolled into the game land program. The property will be called the North Bend Game Land. "Duke Energy has long been a valued partner of NCWRC for helping to provide public recreation opportunities across our state," said Ryan Jacobs, the Mountain

Eco-Region supervisor in the Commission's Land and Water Access Division. "The donation of properties making up the North Bend Game Land will be a valuable asset to our game land program,

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Ballots ruling costing Burke County \$20,000

New mail-in ballots were mailed out Tuesday

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Burke County had to scrap its original

election ballots at a cost of \$17,000 after a judge ruled that Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s name be removed from the presidential race. And after a two-week delay and new ballots due to the change, Burke County election officials started sending out the

new mail-in ballots Tuesday to voters. So far, the elections office has received 1,040 requests for mail-in ballots, said Kenny Rhyme, director of elections for Burke County. Voters have through 5 p.m. Oct. 29 to request a mail-in ballot. Mail-in ballots

have to be returned to election offices by Election Day, which is Nov. 5. The North Carolina State Board of Elections said county boards were prepared to send absentee ballots out on Sept. 6, the

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