Peregrine falcons nesting in state's Jocassee Gorges

PICKENS (AP) — There is a new overlook in South Carolina's Jocassee Gorges, and there's something new to see as well — the second pair of peregrine falcons nesting in the state.

The state Department of Natural Resources says about 2 acres of trees were felled to provide the new view of the falcon nesting site and other vistas at the Pickens County gorges.

And it's safer than the old overlook, which had a sharp drop off and has been closed.

The department says the entire length of Horsepasture Road through the gorges will be open during the spring season as of yesterday and continuing through mid-May. Last year, a 5-mile section was closed to protect the peregrines during the first year they nested there.