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Cottonwood Campground To Reopen End of May

PAULINA-Cottonwood Campground, located on the Paulina Ranger District of the Ochoco National Forest, is reopening near the end of May 2009. The campground was closed to visitors during the 2008 camping season due to standing hazard trees adjacent to camp sites within the recreational area. The campground, planned for reopening as soon as the snow melts and the remaining hazard trees are felled, will be accessible for the remainder of the 2009 season. Campers may notice the large hazard trees on the ground within the campground until they can be removed. No individual camping sites will be impacted.

Cottonwood Campground is located northeast of Little Summit Prairie in a mixed conifer forest at the edge of a dry upland meadow at an elevation of 5700 feet. From Prineville, take US Hwy 26 for 47 miles east to Mitchell, east on US 26 for 13 miles to Forest Road 12, south on Forest Road 12 for 14 miles to Cottonwood Campground. From John Day, take US 26 west for 31 miles to Dayville, west on US 26 for 25 miles to Forest Road 12, south on Forest Road 12 for 14 miles to campground.

Cottonwood Campground facilities include picnic tables, fire pits and vault toilets. No potable water is available. The campground has six family sites with a limited number of trailer sites (no waste dumping allowed). Accessibility is limited; however, the toilet building is barrier-free. No campground fees or reservations are required at Cottonwood Campground; camping opportunities are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional recreation opportunities and information, visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon or contact the Ochoco National Forest Supervisor's Office at (541) 416-6500.

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