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Grider Creek Campground temporarily closed

YREKA, CA. – Due to the risk of flooding and landslides, the USDA Forest Service has closed Grider Creek Campground on the Klamath National Forest until May 26, 2016.

Grider Creek Campground is located two miles south of Seiad, on the Oak Knoll Ranger District. The forest in the Grider Creek drainage witnessed some of the highest intensity fire from the 2014 Happy Camp Complex. Many trees were killed, which has contributed to unstable soils on the slopes above the campground.

The Forest Service is concerned with both the risk of landslide in the campground and with flash floods. During a large thunderstorm, a landslide upstream of the campground could cause a debris dam in Grider Creek. Grider Creek has inundated the campground multiple times since the July 2015 wildfire.

Depending on local conditions, Forest Service expects to reopen Grider Creek Campground on May 27. The Klamath Range tends to receive less rain by mid to late May. As the soils dry in late spring the landslide risk will be reduced. Dry soils are more stable and can better soak up rainwater.

For more information contact the Happy Camp and Oak Knoll Ranger Districts at (530) 493-2243.

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