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Memorial Day Recreational Opportunities Update

BOISE, Idaho - Boise National Forest visitors may experience heavier snowpack conditions on Memorial Day weekend compared with previous years. Water levels in rivers and streams will be running high and very cold. Many trails, roads and campgrounds may be open if they are located below 7,000 feet in elevation. Reservations can be made ahead of time at: <http://www.recreation.gov/>

Recreationists planning on going to higher elevations should contact Ranger District offices, or the Interagency Visitor Center to get current information about road conditions and facilities. Many roads will likely have continuous snow, or snow drifts that will potentially be deep enough for a vehicle to become stuck.

"It is not too early in the season to be extra careful with campfires," said Susan Blake, Boise National Forest Acting Public Affairs Officer. "Also, do not try to drive through a snow drift, because you may get stuck and cell phone coverage is not available in many areas of the Forest."

Specific Updates by Ranger Districts Anticipated by Memorial Weekend

Lowman Ranger District 208-259-3361

OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

- All campgrounds along State Highway 21 - South Fork Payette River are **OPEN** with full services.
- Park Creek Campground is **OPEN**.
- The road to Grandjean is **OPEN**.

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CLOSED CAMPGROUNDS

At this time ALL access roads to Deadwood Reservoir are CLOSED. You cannot get to Deadwood Reservoir from any access roads because of snow.

The Stanley/Landmark Road - National Forest System (NFS) road 579 from State Highway 21 is **CLOSED** to the Elk Creek Guard Station, Bear Valley and Dagger Falls.

- Bull Trout Campground is **CLOSED** due to snow.
- Scott Mountain Road (NFS road 555) is **CLOSED** due to snow.
- The Clear Creek Road (NFS road 582) is **CLOSED** due to snow.

Emmett Ranger District 208-365-7000 / Garden Valley Guard Station **208-462-3241**

All Payette River recreation sites are open. There is a \$3.00 day-use fee for visitors who have not purchased a 2016 Payette River Pass. Passes are available at Forest offices and vendors.

OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

- All campgrounds adjacent to State Highway 55 along the North Fork Payette River between Banks and Smiths Ferry are **OPEN**.
- Campgrounds along the Middle Fork Payette River Road (NFS road 698) including Boiling Springs, Hardscrabble, Rattlesnake, Trail Creek and Tie Creek are **OPEN**.
- Hot Springs campground is **OPEN**.
- Third Fork and Boiling Springs Cabins are **OPEN with reservations at:** <http://www.recreation.gov/> Deadwood Lookout opens on June 25.
- National Forest System (NFS roads 671 and 698) are **OPEN** with access to the Silver Creek Plunge area. Peace Valley Group Campground is **OPEN**. Silver Creek Campground is **OPEN**. All campgrounds around Sage Hen Reservoir are **OPEN**.

Mountain Home Ranger District 208-587-7961

OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

- The Danskin ATV/OHV Trail systems is **OPEN**.
- The Mountain Home Ranger District plans to have all lower elevation campgrounds **OPEN** by Memorial Weekend.
- Fee collections and all services will be in place at Pine Airport, Curlew Creek, and Elks Flat Campgrounds. Group site reservations can be made at: www.recreation.gov.

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Mountain Home Ranger District 208-587-7961 (conti)

OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

- Anderson Ranch reservoir open and there are concrete ramps available. Please use caution as floating debris has been spotted in the reservoir.
- Water levels in the Anderson Ranch Reservoir are controlled by the Bureau of Reclamation. Call the Bureau of Reclamation at **208-334-9134** for the current river and reservoir water levels. View image and more information about reservoir water levels at: <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/ramps/anderson/anderson.html>
- Call the Elmore County Highway District for current updates on county roads. Their number is: **208-587-3211**.

CLOSED CAMPGROUNDS AND AREAS:

- All Campgrounds in the Trinity Recreation area (normally they open July 15 or when conditions permit) are **CLOSED** due to snow. Closed Campgrounds include: Big Trinity, Little Trinity, Big Roaring and Little Roaring Campgrounds.
- Shafer Butte Campground is **CLOSED**, it normally opens June 15. Call the District for updates.
- **5-26-2016 REVISED - VERSION #8 – ELK AND PONY BURNED AREA CLOSURE** - The area closure for the Elk/Pony Closure has been revised and partial closures are still in effect and the affected area description can be viewed on the Boise National Forest website [Alerts and Notices](#). **(REVISED Elk & Pony Fires - Area and Trail Closure Version #8.)**
- **Trail Closure** – The National Forest System Trail 045 (**Roaring River Trail**) and National Forest System Trail 122 (**William Pogue Trail**) have a trail closure. See the Boise National Forest website [Alerts and Notices](#) (Order number: 0402-01-59).

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Cascade Ranger District 208-382-7400

OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

- All campgrounds and trails are anticipated to **OPEN** by May 22, with the exception of those above snow levels of 7,000 feet. Call the District for updates.
- Campgrounds along the west side of Cascade Lake are scheduled to **OPEN** by the Memorial weekend.
- Shoreline, South Fork Salmon River, Warm Lake and Picnic Point Campgrounds are scheduled to be **OPEN**.
- The Stolle Rental Cabin is **OPEN** and access NFS road 474.
- South Fork Salmon River NFS road 474 is **OPEN** to Yellow Pine.
- The Johnson Creek Corridor Campgrounds are **OPEN** and the access roads are open.
- Johnson Guard Station Cabin is **OPEN** for reservations beginning **May 26**.
- Summit Lake, Pen Basin and Buck Mountain Campgrounds are **OPEN**. **Road conditions may be muddy.**

CLOSED CAMPGROUNDS

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- Snowbank Mountain Road NFS road 446 is gated and seasonally **CLOSED** until May 31.

Idaho City Ranger District 208-392-6681

OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

All campgrounds within the Idaho Ranger District are anticipated to open by Memorial Day weekend.

- Campgrounds **OPEN** - Edna Creek, Ten Mile, Willow Creek, Whoop-em-up, Grayback Gulch Bad Bear, Black Rock and Hayfork.
- Idaho City Cabins will be **OPEN** with the exception of Graham Cabin. Graham cabin will open on June 1. Cabins are available for reservation through: <http://www.recreation.gov/>
- The campgrounds near Atlanta will **OPEN** May 22, including Queens River, Power Plant, and Riverside.

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Idaho City Ranger District 208-392-6681 (conti)

CLOSED CAMPGROUNDS

- The road to the Graham Guard Station Cabin providing access to the Graham is currently **CLOSED** due to snow.

For camping reservations and cabin rentals on all the Districts, contact the **National Recreation Reservation System** by calling toll free **1-877-444-6777** or via the Internet at: <http://www.recreation.gov/>. Camping can be a great experience and good planning will ensure that you have a campsite once you arrive in the area. Determine in advance the campground that you would like and make a reservation. Most campgrounds provide some sites for non-reservation use and are available on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information on recreational opportunities in the Boise National Forest, visit the Natural Resource Visitor Center at 1387 S. Vinnell Way in Boise, or call 208-373-4007, or visit the Web site: <http://fs.usda.gov/boise>.

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