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## Lost Johnny Point Campground Closed Through Mid-July To Remove Hazardous Trees

KALISPELL, MONTANA – February 10, 2015 – This summer the Lost Johnny Point Campground on the Hungry Horse Ranger District will be closed through mid-July to remove hazardous trees within 13 acres of the 23 acre campground. Most of the Douglas fir and subalpine fir trees in the campground are affected by Armillaria root disease making the trees very susceptible to being blown down. The project will remove infected trees that are within 150 feet of campground campsites, roads, buildings and walking paths. The trees are being removed to protect campers and property from falling trees.

Annually hazardous trees are removed before the campground opens. In recent years an increasing number of trees were identified that needed removing and often individual campsites were closed through the summer to protect campers and property. The increasing number of hazardous trees prompted the ranger district to request a site inspection by Forest Service insect and disease specialists. The project has been designed to ensure public safety, maintain the visual character of the campground and minimize disruption to the camping season.

Visitors will notice a change in campground appearance with some places having a more open tree canopy with less shade. The project will involve careful removal of hazard trees so there is minimal damage to existing healthy trees, understory vegetation and the campground facilities. Site restoration activities such as tree planting will take place immediately following the tree removal and continue over the next couple of years.

Currently reservations can be made for the 21 site campground through [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) for dates beginning August 1, 2015.

For more information and to provide comments on the project, contact District Ranger Rob Davies, 406/387-3800.

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