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Main Blue Mountain Trailhead to Open Saturday

MISSOULA, MT -- The Missoula Ranger District has completed work to expand and improve the Main Blue Mountain trailhead and the area will reopen to the public beginning tomorrow -- May 30.

The Main trailhead was closed beginning April 27 while work was completed on trailhead parking expansion and improvements. The trailhead expansion will increase parking capacity, provide equestrian facilities and separate hiker and mountain biker parking from horse trailer parking.

“We still have a few things to complete, such as installing some signs, seeding, and some landscaping, but that work will not impact the public, and we wanted to get the area open as soon as possible,” said Andy Kulla, Missoula Ranger District Resources Staff Officer. “The public has been very patient and cooperative while the trailhead was closed. We certainly appreciate that.”

The expansion is intended to accommodate the next two decades of growth in the valley, according to Kulla. The improvements include 45 automobile parking spots and room for 15 horse trailers. The horse trailhead is designated for equestrian parking only, the same as the horse trailhead across town at the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area. Landscaping, earthen mounds and fencing also make the trailhead more organized and visually aesthetic. The Missoula Backcountry Horsemen have been helping with some of the improvements at the horse trailhead.

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Blue Mountain Trailhead



Blue Mountain Trailhead, looking north.