WELCOME
The Bass Lake Recreation Area is part of the 1.3 million acre Sierra National Forest. The lake elevation is 3,400 feet, with the maximum water volume of 45,000 acre feet. This man-made lake, nestled in a pine forest, is four miles long and a half mile wide, with its peak recreation season mid-May to mid-September.

Bass Lake provides many enjoyable recreation opportunities: camping, water-skiing, personal watercraft riding, boating, fishing and hiking. The best fishing time is early winter through spring. Summers are warm to hot, making water sports enjoyable. Wildlife can be spotted year round in and around the lake.

CAMPING
Forest Service campgrounds and picnic areas are managed under a special use permit by California Land Management. A visitor station is on Road 222, across from the Recreation Point group picnic and camping area at the northwest end of the lake. The station is open seven days a week from May 15 through Labor Day weekend with office hours 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can be contacted at; (559) 642-3212. There are no electrical hook ups or showers at any Forest Service campgrounds. All family campgrounds and one of the group campgrounds have flush toilets, water, fire rings, tables, and barbecues. All flush toilet buildings have an accessible toilet.

Reservations can be made 7 to 240 days in advance through the National Reservation System at 1-877-444-6777 or online at: www.recreation.gov

GROUP DAY USE AREAS
The Forest Service has six family day use areas and one group day use area, with all but one along the south shore. The Falls is at the north end of the Lake and the only area on the north shore, located along Road 432 and Willow Creek. The remaining four are located along the east side of Road 222: Denver Church, a quarter mile from the visitor station; Pine Slope about a half mile more; Lakeside at the entrance to Lupine-Cedar; Pine Point a little further south and Rocky Point just across from Spring Cove.

Parking is limited and there is a parking fee.

WISHON BOAT RAMP
This no launch fee public facility has two concrete lanes into the water with a parking fee. Boating on Bass Lake is regulated by Madera County and administered by the Madera County Sheriff's Department. Boating fees are based on horsepower of the boat. Registration at the Sheriff’s Tower along the north shore, about the halfway point of the lake, is required immediately after launching.

For further information please contact:

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