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Enjoy the Klamath National Forest this Memorial Day Weekend

Yreka, CA – The Klamath National Forest welcomes visitors and campers this Memorial Day weekend. Many campgrounds across the Forest are now open and available. Most sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but reservations may be obtained for group campsites at the Tree of Heaven Campground and other group campsites through the National Recreation Reservation Service by calling 877-444-6777 or visiting www.recreation.gov. While the most popular campgrounds may fill up this weekend, there are many other camping opportunities throughout the Forest.

On the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, campgrounds are open, with the exception of a few higher elevation sites due to snow conditions. Kangaroo Lake Campground, Carter Meadows Group Camp and Hidden Horse Campground still have significant snow accumulations and will not be open for this holiday. Matthews Creek Campground is open, but the water system is undergoing repairs and potable water is not available.

On the Goosenest Ranger District, all campgrounds are open with the exception of Martin’s Dairy Campground due to snow.

On the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, most campgrounds are open. O’Neil Creek Campground, near Hamburg, will not open this season pending major repairs to the water system. Campers may choose to stay nearby at the Sarah Totten Campground, but be aware that there is currently no potable water available. The Mt. Ashland Campground is expected to open within the next few weeks as soon as the remaining snow drifts melt.

Please remember that due to the risk of wildfires, fireworks are not permitted anywhere on the National Forest. Campfire permits are required in campgrounds and may be obtained, free of charge at any Forest Service office.

With recent warm temperatures, trails at higher elevations are opening quickly but visitors may encounter snow above 5,500 feet. Contact your local Ranger District for the most current trail conditions.

For more specific information on developed recreation sites, visit the Klamath National Forest INTERNET site: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath and click on blue “Recreation” link on the left-hand side of the home page. You may also contact the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, (530) 493-2243, the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, (530) 468-5351, or the Goosenest Ranger District, (530) 398-4391.