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Mount St. Helens Campgrounds Open Soon with Some Changes

Amboy, WA – Sunset Falls Campground on the East Fork Lewis River is changing from first-come-first-served to a reservation system for most sites. However, Canyon Creek campground still offers nearby first-come-first-served camping.

The vandalized fee-tube at Lewis River Horse Camp will be replaced and it will again be \$5 to camp. No changes are expected at Lower Falls.

Sunset Falls Campground

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Recreation Planner, Michael Downs said, “Advance camping reservations help to maximize your leisure time and avoid waiting in line, or the disappointment of being turned away at the campground.”

There are 18 total sites at Sunset Falls Campground. Two sites will be available without reservations. Campsites at Sunset Falls will cost \$12 per night. Reservations can be made beginning May 1, 2013 on the reservation system at <http://www.recreation.gov/> or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Sunset Falls Campground will open for the season in mid-May. All sites are available when not reserved. Reservation status will be posted at each campsite. Campsites 17 and 18 will continue to be first-come-first-served. Please see the camp host for assistance.

Canyon Creek Campground

Canyon Creek Campground is open now, about a 45 minute drive from Sunset Falls and has nine first-come-first-served campsites. The cost is \$5 per night.

Lewis River Horse Camp

Lewis River Horse Camp is open now and will continue to be a first-come-first-served campground. “Collecting fees again will allow us to better maintain and improve the campground, providing a better experience for campers,” said Downs.

Lower Falls Campground

Lower Falls Campground will open when the hazard trees are removed and water tests are completed. Lower Falls offers 42 first-come-first-served campsites. The cost is \$15 for a family site, \$30 for a double site and \$35 for the group site.

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