

## **Cherry Spring Pedestrian Bridge Replacement and Kinney Creek Trailhead Parking Expansion**

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The Westside Ranger District plans to replace two failing trail bridges at Cherry Springs Nature Area next week. The existing bridges are undersized and have deteriorated over the last five years.

Construction is planned on or around Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Cherry Springs Nature Area will be closed to the public during the construction work. Bridge installation could take up to two weeks depending on forecasted weather conditions and overall progress. Cherry Springs Nature Area will be open again for public use on or around November 11, 2013.

The new bridges will improve fish passage and habitat along Mink Creek and will require less long-term maintenance. This project is part of an Idaho Parks and Recreation Trail Grant to improve visitor services at Cherry Springs Nature Area. Next spring two additional bridges will be installed and new interpretive signs will be available for Cherry Springs visitors to enjoy.

Kinney Creek Trailhead, located just southwest of Cherry Springs Nature Area will also be closed for construction for two to three days between October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 11, 2013. This parking area is undersized and difficult use. An enlarged parking area with improved sight-distance and will be safer for trail users and vehicles traveling the Bannock Highway.

For more information, contact the Westside Ranger District office at 208-236-7500.