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**Boat Launch and Parking Area Construction
at Wickiup Reservoir**

BEND – Reconstruction of the parking area at North Wickiup Boat Launch is now underway, to be followed by reconstruction of the parking area at Gull Point Campground Boat Launch. The public will have access to both launches, but parking will be limited until the new parking areas are completed. Please expect delays to access the launches.

Construction of new boat ramps at both launch locations is scheduled to occur after the Labor Day holiday weekend in early September 2008. Boat launch construction could begin in August on at least one of the launches if water levels are so low that the launch is inaccessible or unsafe for public use. Both North Wickiup and Gull Point Boat Launches will be CLOSED to public use after the Labor Day holiday.

These restorative projects were made possible with multi-agency funding. The Oregon State Marine Board contributed \$250,000. Sport Fish Restoration funds were provided through Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in the sum of \$690,830. The Forest Service provided \$40,000 plus the design, environmental analysis and implementation work on the project.

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