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**Two Wickiup Reservoir Boat Ramps  
Will Close for Reconstruction September 2nd**

BEND—Boaters will be unable to access the boat launch at Wickiup Reservoir Gullpoint Campground and the North Wickiup Boat Launch from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Construction crews will begin reconstruction of both ramps at the popular Deschutes National Forest recreation sites beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Boaters can use Wickiup Butte Boat Launch just southeast of Wickiup Dam on Forest Road 4260 or West South Twin Boat launch, located in West South Twin Campground across from South Twin Lake.

Forest Service engineers have scheduled the work after the Labor Day weekend to take advantage of the lower reservoir water levels and in order to affect as few recreationists as possible. In their condition and at the current water levels, the old ramps are essentially unusable. Construction crews will construct a new double launch boat ramp with docks at North Wickiup and a new single launch boat ramp with parking at Gullpoint.

The upgrades for both ramps are badly needed, and the new ramps will provide access at lower reservoir levels during the mid-summer and early fall. Construction crews got a head start last spring by building an overflow parking area and expanding the existing parking lot at the North Wickiup boat launch.

The parking lot expansion and boat launch additions are intended to accommodate the increasing use at the facility. According to Project Engineer Marcos Romero, “it will be a temporary inconvenience for a welcome improvement.”

The reconstruction is being funded by the Forest Service, Oregon State Marine Board and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

