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Jubilee Lake Campground Opens Other Areas Still Inaccessible Due to Snow

Jubilee Lake Campground will open for the holiday weekend. However, several other popular recreation sites on the north half of the Umatilla National Forest (Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts) remain closed or are impacted by snow.

“We plowed the road into Jubilee Lake Campground last week and were able to start our early season maintenance. We plan to open as many campsites as possible by July 4th,” said Larry Randall, Forest Recreation Staff Officer. Garbage services will be available at the campground though the water system is not yet up and running. “Campers should come prepared with enough water to last their stay” warned Randall. Day-use facilities at Jubilee Lake will also be open for the weekend.

Visitors can expect to see evidence of improvements underway at Jubilee Lake. “New flush toilets were scheduled to be installed in time for opening but, because of access issues, construction was delayed,” said Randall. One flush toilet facility was removed last fall and won’t be replaced in time for the holiday weekend. Portable toilets will be provided until the new restrooms are replaced and the water system is operating.

Target Meadows and Umatilla Forks Campgrounds will also open this weekend and water is available. Woodland Campground will be open though no water is available. Woodward, Mottet and Misery Campgrounds are still closed due to snow.

In addition, several high elevation trailheads including Rough Fork, Indian Tom, Timothy, Twin Buttes and Teepee are closed due to snow. Trails that are open may pose some challenges in passing. “High water flow can make fording streams difficult,” said Randall. Visitors could also encounter down trees and washouts.

Several roads, or portions of roads, that people are used to traveling this time of year, such as Forest Road 64 (Skyline Road) and Forest Road 40 (Sunset Lookout and Misery Campground Road) are still snow covered or have not yet been maintained . “It’s a good idea to check with the local ranger district for the latest conditions before setting out,” said Randall.

For additional information about the status of Forest campgrounds, trails and roads, please contact the Umatilla National Forest offices or visit the website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma>.

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