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Dear Pine River Users:

This letter is to inform you that the reconstruction project at Low Bridge River Access Site is scheduled to begin this spring (as soon as the company can access the site), and will be completed no later than **Friday, June 26, 2009**. The site will be **closed to all use** (both public and commercial) for safety reasons for the duration of the work at this site. As a result, the use of Peterson Bridge River Access Site will also be impacted. No downstream trips will be authorized from Peterson Bridge River Access Site (or any access site) to Low Bridge River Access Site during this period. We will reopen the site as quickly as possible after the work is completed. The Forest Service **will not** authorize any alternate sites (such as at Low Bridge Road, Stronach Dam Road or Sandy B's) for use during this period. The remaining river access sites authorized for launch and retrieval are: Elm Flats and Dobson Bridge. Peterson Bridge River Access Site shall be utilized for retrieval only.

As funding becomes available, Elm Flats, Dobson and Peterson Bridge River Access Sites will also be reconstructed. The reconstruction of these sites could possibly occur this summer as well. Due to the amount of work involved and hazards to the public, these sites would also require short term closures to public use. The Forest Service will ensure that not more than one site will be closed at a time. Peterson Bridge River Access Site is tentatively scheduled for closure on Monday, September 14, 2009 with a completion date of November 13, 2009.

As reconstruction of these other access sites occur, it is likely that trips you already have scheduled will be impacted. We recognize that there will be short term impacts to users. The Forest Service appreciates your assistance in helping us work with the public to address these issues. We will continue to update you as information becomes available.

The Forest Service believes this project will greatly enhance public enjoyment and use of the Pine River while resolving some long term issues relating to traffic flow and erosion. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this project. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Steven Metzner at 231-723-2211 ext. 3146.

Sincerely,

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