



Southwest Incident Management Team

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Log Gulch Recreation Site Re-Opens Monday, August 13

The Bureau of Land Management will re-open Log Gulch Recreation Site to the public on Monday, August 13, at 12 noon. Departure Point, however, remains closed due to continuing Meriwether Fire-related vehicle traffic.

Boaters are reminded that while the river is open, lands on the east bank of the Missouri River from the vicinity of American Bar north to Rescue Gulch remain closed. The Helena National Forest closed this area due to the potential for mudslides and/or extreme erosion that could occur if the burned area receives sudden, intense rainfall common with thunderstorms.

Stage II fire restrictions remain in effect and include a ban on campfires. Also, smoking is allowed only in vehicles or in areas that are free of vegetation and burnable material three feet from you in all directions.

While Meriwether fire activity has diminished in the past week, smoky conditions may continue to persist. Exercise caution while driving in the fire area, particularly on York Road and County Road 4, due to the re-location of Meriwether Fire Camp. Watch for dusty roads and increased traffic. Turning on your headlights and driving an appropriate speed is advised.

For additional information on the Log Gulch re-opening, please contact the BLM in Butte at 406.533.7600 during normal business hours.

Restrictions

- **Stage II** fire restrictions remain in effect

Closures

(Checkpoints staffed by Montana National Guard.)

- Gates of the Mountains Wilderness Area.
- Beaver Creek Road at Nelson.
- Beartooth Wildlife Management Area.
- Departure Point Recreation Site.
- National Forest lands on the east shore of the lake from the vicinity of American Bar north to Rescue Gulch.

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For Meriwether Fire information contact:

866-576-9824 or go to <http://inciweb.org>

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