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**Parking Lot Reconstruction Begins Monday
At North Wickiup Boat Launch**

Bend--Major parking area reconstruction will began at North Wickiup Boat Launch on the Deschutes National Forest on Monday, **May 12th, 2008**.

The Forest Service is requesting that all boaters use Gullpoint Campground. Boat launch just west of North Wickiup Boat Launch or Wickiup Butte Boat Launch southeast of Wickiup Dam during this period. This will help expedite the construction of the new North Wickiup parking area, and help to minimize conflict between construction and recreation use at Wickiup Reservoir.

The boat launch and parking areas at North Wickiup will be inaccessible Mondays through noon on Fridays from May 12th through May 23rd. North Wickiup will be open at noon on Fridays through Sunday evenings. We ask the public to remove boat trailers and vehicles from North Wickiup parking area over the weekends by Sunday evening for construction purposes. The Forest Service apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

