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Paulina Bridge Closed for Replacement

Bend—The Paulina Dam Bridge on Forest Service Road 2100-520 just off County Road 21 in the Deschutes National Forest has been closed to traffic of all kinds. There is a gate across Road 21 closing access to the bridge. This is the bridge near the lower west end of Paulina Lake, the access road to Pauline Lake Resort.

“This bridge is unsafe and will be replaced,” says Bend Fort-Rock District Ranger Phil Cruz. “I appreciate the patience and cooperation of the public while new bridge construction takes place.”

It is expected that dismantling of the old bridge and placement of the new bridge will take approximately three weeks. The new portable single-span bridge will be transported to the site and placed with the use of a crane.

High snow levels this year are likely to affect progress on this project. As of May 9, 2008, there are still seven to eight feet of snow reported at East Lake.

