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Loon Lake Campground Closing Monday

Reedsport, Ore. – Loon Lake Recreation Area, east of Reedsport, will be closed for overnight camping effective Monday, August 12 at 11 a.m. due to a lack of potable water and restroom facilities.

The day use area at the campground, including the beach and boat ramp, will remain open daily for visitors from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Portable restroom facilities will be available, but there will be no water. Visitors should come prepared with the water they need to enjoy their day at the lake.

“It was an incredibly dry spring and our wells and water reserves are all but dry,” said Mike Kelly, Loon Lake Manager. “The lack of safe drinking water and restroom facilities has prompted us to close the campground to protect people’s health. We are sorry for the inconvenience the closure will cause people.”

Those visitors who had a campsite reserved after August 11 will receive a notice and a full refund of their camping fees from Reserve America. People can call Reserve America at 1-877-444-6777 if they have questions about their reservation and refund.

Visitors with questions about the closure can contact Loon Lake staff at 541-599-2254.

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