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Hyatt Lake Boat Ramps Will Open on April 25

Medford, Ore. -- Anticipating help from Jackson County, the State of Oregon Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), as well as the angling community, the Medford District Bureau of Land Management plans to open the Hyatt Lake boat ramps and parking lot on April 25. The volunteers will help with the patrol of the campground and lake while the BLM will install a portable toilet and plow the ramp and parking areas.

Due to continued budget uncertainties, the campground and other facilities at Hyatt Lake will remain closed and subject to a delayed opening, which will possibly occur in mid-May. Until that time, the permanent restrooms and the fish cleaning station will be closed and signs prohibiting camping will be posted. Camping is available at nearby Howard Prairie Lake.

Trash service will also not be available until all services are in place at Hyatt Lake. In the interim, those using the ramps and parking areas are asked to pack out any trash.

Hyatt Lake Recreation Complex is one of the prime camping sites in southern Oregon and includes a wide variety of recreational opportunities like the Hyatt Lake and Wildcat Campgrounds with a total of 47 pull-in sites and seven walk-in sites, a group camping area, a group day-use shelter, a fire circle, restroom facilities, showers, a trailer dump station, a ball field, boat ramps and dock facilities, a fish cleaning station, a sand volleyball court, a basketball goal, horseshoe pits, a children's playground, and an equestrian campsite.

The boating facilities have received recent improvements, including upgraded parking, new ramps and docks, and improved access. In addition to the improvements at both boat ramps and docks, several facility upgrades have occurred recently, including new siding on the campground buildings.

Additional information on recreational sites and opportunities managed by BLM at Hyatt Lake can be obtained by calling (541) 618-2306 or Hyatt Lake campground at (541) 482-2031, or by visiting the website at: www.or.blm.gov/medford

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