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Delayed Opening for Hyatt Lake Campground and Boat Docks

The Medford District Bureau of Land Management is delaying the opening of the Hyatt Lake campground and boat docks until at least May 15 due to budget uncertainties. The facility traditionally opens in mid-April at the start of fishing season. The BLM cannot hire the necessary number of seasonal employees needed to prepare the campground, plow the roads, assemble the floating boat dock, and perform other required tasks before opening the area for recreational use.

Additionally, the BLM will have to decide if limited staffing can support the full operation of the Hyatt Lake Recreation Complex during heavy use throughout the summer. Work that may have to be limited or curtailed includes public interaction, trail maintenance, trash collection, bathroom cleanings, maintenance of the campground and equestrian facilities, and upkeep of the fish station.

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 7 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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