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Low Water Levels at BLM's Coffeepot Lake Limit Boat Launching

Spokane, Wash. – While the fishing season at the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Coffeepot Lake opens on March 1, the boat launch area will remain closed due to unusually low water levels to prevent boat trailers from getting stuck in the deep mud.

Small boats not requiring trailers can still be launched from the shoreline but larger boats will not be able to access the ramp. Recreation managers at the BLM's Spokane District will reopen the boat launch when conditions improve.

“We want to get the word out to those who might be planning a fishing trip that the launch is closed so they can make alternative plans,” said Steve Smith, outdoor recreation planner for BLM's Spokane District. “Right now we need Mother Nature's help in order to get the water levels back up!”

An alternative fishing site is the BLM's nearby Upper Twin Lake, located west of Harrington, WA, where water levels are higher and the boat launch is open for trailered boats. Both sites are located west of Harrington, Washington.

More information on Coffeepot Lake and Upper Twin Lake can be found at <http://on.doi.gov/1vLC3u5>.

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