

## SUMMER 2016 AT LOON LAKE RECREATION SITE

### ***When will Loon Lake be open this summer? How many sites at Loon Lake Campground will be available?***

Loon Lake Campground will be open for camping seven days a week from a Memorial Day weekend to September 30, with approximately 2/3 of the sites available. The other 1/3 of sites will be closed for the summer.

The Day Use Area at Loon Lake will be open seven days a week from Memorial Day Weekend to September 30. The day-use area is open from 8 am to 8 pm.

East Shore Campground will be open Memorial Day to November 30 on a first come, first serve basis. No water is available at this campground.

### ***Will water be available in the campground and day-use area this summer?***

Potable water is limited at the Loon Lake Recreation Area. The BLM expects to have some of the water spigots and flush toilets in the campground and day-use area open this summer. Water availability may change through the summer, however, so visitors should still plan to bring enough water to drink, wash hands, clean dishes, douse campfires, etc. **The showers remain closed.**

### ***Why is there less water available at Loon Lake as compared to years past?***

Two ground wells supply Loon Lake Recreation Site with water. The amount of water the wells can produce is closely related to the amount of rain the area receives. While this winter saw more rain than in year's past, there is still not enough potable water to support full campground operations.

### ***What are the long-term plans for the campground and the water situation?***

The lack of water and decreasing Federal recreation budgets have motivated the BLM to look at operations at the campground to see where we could make changes that reduce operating costs and reduce demand for water in the future. For example, the BLM installed two new vault toilets in the campground over the winter to help reduce the water use at the campground. With all of the changes we make, our commitment is to provide a fun and safe place for people to camp and enjoy the lake throughout the summer.

