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Lassen National Forest Will Provide Campground Services In 2004

Susanville, Calif., April 7, 2004—The Lassen National Forest is preparing to open recreation facilities this year, however; officials are working to contract with new concessionaires to manage the facilities. The new concessionaires have not been selected yet, as bids are still being accepted. The Lassen anticipates concessionaires will begin managing the Forest's recreation facilities next year. In the meantime, the Forest Service is working towards opening and managing all recreation facilities in 2004.

“We want to assure the public that we are still providing services, but the level of service may be reduced at some campgrounds until the concessionaire is available to operate them.” Said Elizabeth Norton, Public Services Manager, “This is a one year, short term situation, and while we regret any inconvenience, we ask visitors to please bear with us, until the new concessionaires are available to begin managing the campgrounds. Visitors should also be aware that campground fees have increased since 2003 in order to help cover our operating costs. This is consistent with fee increases at other private and state campgrounds”

On April 23rd the following campgrounds on the Almanor Ranger District will be open for the beginning of fishing season: Cherry Hill, Butte Meadows, Alder, Elam and Potato Patch. All other campgrounds will open May 22nd as weather permits.

The Hat Creek Ranger District will also open the following campgrounds for fishing season on April 23rd: Cave, Hat Creek, and Bridge (potable water will not be available at Bridge), on May 24th Hat Creek Group Camp, and Rocky will open. Honn and Big Pine campgrounds will open when staffing permits.

The Eagle Lake Ranger District plans to open campgrounds on May 22nd.

For more information about camping in the Lassen National Forest contact the following offices: Almanor Ranger District, 530-258-2141; Eagle Lake Ranger District, 530-257-4188; and Hat Creek Ranger District, 530-336-5521.