

# News Release

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## **GERBER CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS TAKE TIME**

The recent warm weather has many people thinking about getting outside and enjoying the Basin's vast variety of outdoor activities. One popular recreation site is the Gerber Reservoir, located approximately 42 miles east of Klamath Falls. Gerber Recreation Area is administered and managed by the Klamath Falls Field Office of the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM). An extensive improvement project was initiated late last fall by local BLM planners, in hopes that the project would be completed in time for spring. A combination of factors have caused unforeseen delays in the Gerber campground improvement project. BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, Scott Senter, anticipates that the south campground will re-open to the public on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. However, no date has been set for re-opening the north campground and boat launch. "We apologize for any inconvenience that the project has caused", states Senter, "but the improvements should make for a more enjoyable recreation experience".

Due to ongoing construction, there is currently no access to camping. Heavy equipment operations, trenches for electrical and water lines, and unstable ground severely limit safe access to the entire area. BLM officials strongly urge people to use other more accessible recreation sites until the improvements at Gerber are completed. Improvements include the installation of electrical service to the entrance stations and bathrooms; replacing and enhancing water services; and the installation of state-of-the-art fish cleaning stations at both the north and south campgrounds.

Gerber Recreation Area is typically open year round and provides opportunities for fishing, camping, and wildlife viewing. There are two campgrounds, with a total of 45 sites. During the summer months a campground host is present on site. For more information please contact Kelly Hollums, Public Contact Representative, at 883-6916.