

# List of Management Actions for Loon Lake Recreation Area

1. Expand the reservation system in 2002 to 50 percent, for a total of 30 sites, from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>. Expand the reservation system in 2002 to 50 percent, for a total of 30 sites, from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>. This would reduce the waiting line and still allow for the “drive in” camper.
2. Monitor and document the results of the 50 percent reservation system use for one year in regards to visitor satisfaction, visitor use of the system and staffing needs. Make adjustments as appropriate.
3. Paint lines on the pavement at each site to indicate the maximum space the vehicles must fit into.
4. Charge extra vehicle fees to park any vehicle - a trailer, an extra car, or any vehicle that is not able to fit in the clearly marked parking space.
5. Re-instate the Day Use fee after 11:00 A.M. for campers vacating the campground and spending their last day at the beach. They should then park in the Day Use parking lot.
6. The Day Use will remain a first-come first-served area. Personal belongings left in the Day Use Area after 10:00 PM will be removed by staff and available for pick-up at the booth the following day. This applies to “saving” camp sites as well.
7. Establish reduced fees for the off-season including week days, particularly for the months of April, May, and mid-September through the end of October. LLRA will remain closed in winter due to tree hazards. Market the area to spread the use to the off-season.
8. Utilize a non-transferable, physical and visible, valid permit for vehicles and water craft in LLRA. A vehicle must display the valid permit to stay in the park.
9. Seek customer input on the viability of a trailer parking area outside the park, within walking distance.
10. Determine the feasibility of extending certain parking spots to accommodate jet ski trailers without increasing the number of parking spaces or people. Consider moving the basketball hoop.
11. Revisit the number of people allowed per site if sites get reconstructed. Consider incorporating group sites into a design.
12. Incorporate visitor suggestions, staff discussion, new technologies and materials into new projects. New projects will consider ROS, VRM, visitor use data and current health and safety issues as well as comply with ADA, NEPA, other plans, etc.
13. Identify projects on-site which were accomplished with Recreation Fee-Demo funds and provide an opportunity for the visitors to suggest future projects, as required by the Recreation Fee-Demo Program.

14. Review and determine the number of people allowed per site and design group sites into the area, when the remaining camp sites are upgraded to current standards.
15. Coordinate with and credit Elliott State Forest regarding trails and signs on state forest lands. Establish on-the-ground markers to clearly identify our mutual boundaries.
16. Work with the Coos Regional Trails Partnership to determine the potential for a trail system in the Loon Lake region.
17. Develop a trail information guide specific to Loon Lake.
18. Continue present emergency services and procedures. Include safety information in all materials and programs prepared for visitors.
19. Consider placing speed bumps on the paved hills.
20. Continue present procedures for fire response and follow recommendations of the BLM's FMO.
21. Provide a one day training for LLRA staff to be familiar with swift water rescue techniques and how to minimize the dangers. The training would include use of a kit containing a rescue harness and ropes. The kit would be kept on-site and all staff would know where it is located.
22. Maintain the warning signs installed near the common access points to the creek.
23. Include a safety message regarding the dangers of exploring the creek in the information and interpretive programs given to visitors.
24. Provide written and verbal safety reminders to adults and children with bicycles, skateboards, scooters and other devices as well as motorists, regarding speed on the pavement. If any accidents occur related to this, install speed bumps or other devices to slow the activity.
25. Develop a simple yet comprehensive pet policy which designates where pets are allowed and include "dogs must not be left unattended at any time" in the policy.
26. Inform visitors, staff and Law Enforcement Officers of the pet regulations and post applicable sections of the CFR.
27. Remind incoming visitors with pets they are responsible for the pets and encourage compliance of picking up feces by offering "doggie bags."
28. Noisy or aggressive dogs and dogs chained to trees will be noted and the pet owners will be asked to leave the park with their pet.
29. BLM will place a "Look Both Ways" or "Caution when Crossing" sign on the fences near the parking lot and staircase at East Shore.
30. Continue to monitor and document any problems associated with recreationists on the road and work with appropriate county officials to find solutions.
31. Clearly define duties and responsibilities for all staff and volunteers at LLRA.
32. Document suggestions from staff which are utilized to improve efficiency.

33. Continue to provide firewood for visitors.
34. Continue to provide environmental education programs. Evaluate and modify the educational programs to increase visitors' knowledge and appreciation of the region's natural resources, as demonstrated by their behavior.
35. Continue to provide law enforcement on site.
36. Evaluate current workloads and identify the most efficient levels of service BLM staff can offer to visitors. Identify a suitable staff level by the 2002 season.
37. Discontinue serious consideration regarding a concession lease for the Recreation Area as long as user fees can be retained for on-site projects and staff. If a feasible proposal is submitted to lease the entire facility, the proposal can be analyzed using standard procedures in the Land Use and Realty program.
38. Post Title 43 of the U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR's), Sections 8365.1-7 through 8360.0-7, on site in a conspicuous location, as required in the regulation.
39. Provide clear direction annually to the Site Manager, staff and Law Enforcement Officer to ensure consistent understanding and enforcement of the rules and regulations.
40. Keep at least one current copy of the Code of Federal Regulations on-site, with marked reference to the Developed Recreation Sites sections.
41. Annually review the Law Enforcement agreement with Douglas County and make necessary changes.
42. Confirm the docks are on BLM land. Resolve the trespass by meeting with interested parties to find a solution which may include a Special Recreation Permit, a Land Use Permit, or dock removal.
43. Continue Standard Operating Procedures regarding Special Use Permits.
44. Continue use of the BLM Coos Bay District's form OR 120-8300-1, giving permission to use a metal detector in recreation areas, with Area Manager's signature. Keep an annual record of the number and location of permit authorizations, and determine how long these records need to be kept.
45. Continue to provide annual week day passes and daily launch opportunities.
46. Determine the level of interest boaters and cabin owners have to use the BLM boat launch throughout the year, keeping in mind the campground is closed for at least three months each winter.
47. Develop an acceptable policy for off-season use of the ramp based on the level of interest. Annually monitor the amount of use the boat launch receives during the off-season and renegotiate with the cabin owners if problems arise.
48. Follow-up on current efforts to utilize the Bureau's integrated Management Information Systems to better track data items collected, such as how many boats are launched each month, to provide fiscal and planning analysis data.
49. Determine the best method to consistently obtain the most accurate visitor numbers and use it.

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50. Activate the traffic counter during the “off season” only and remove it when the booth is operating to reduce the amount of vehicles counted two and three times.
51. Develop a short term and long term Vegetation Management Strategy for the campground and day use area using naturally occurring native vegetation and low maintenance concepts. Designate a staff member or the site manager as coordinator for all planting and vegetation removal.
52. Explore potential funding and cooperative efforts with BLM weed specialist and state agencies to target the removal of aquatic weeds, particularly around the swimming area and boat launch.
53. Educate both staff and visitors including boaters, about how to reduce the spread of invasive species. Evaluate installing a hose at the boat dock for boaters’ use.
54. Encourage increased visitation by Douglas County Marine Patrol.
55. Utilize groups such as the Power Squadron and U.S. Coast Guard to provide educational materials and to conduct boating safety programs on site.
56. Encourage visitors to relay their concerns to the appropriate agency by providing the agency name and address to the concerned visitor. Clarify agency responsibilities and jurisdictions annually for BLM staff.