



## Forest Service News Release

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### Campground Improvement Project at Lake Como

**Hamilton, MT, September 13** — Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) and the Bitterroot National Forest are partnering on a campground maintenance and improvement project this week.

The work will occur September 16-17<sup>th</sup> at Rock Creek Horse Camp at Lake Como on the Darby Ranger District. Campground maintenance is planned along with a general cleanup of the campground. Volunteers will also be replacing fire rings and picnic table planks, and spreading new gravel.

Crews and stock will be staying at the campground. The public should be on alert and watch out for work crews and stock at this location.

Funding for the project was made possible through the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) of 2020. The GAOA established the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) to address priority deferred maintenance projects on federal lands. This year, GAOA funding is addressing deferred maintenance on six projects on the Bitterroot National Forest for a total of \$1.9 million, including Developed Recreation Campground Maintenance & Accessibility Improvements. GAOA funds are being used to replace deteriorating fire rings and picnic table planks at other campgrounds as well, such as Charles Waters, Sam Billings, and Indian Trees Campgrounds.

For more information on the project visit [www.bchmt.org/bitterroot](http://www.bchmt.org/bitterroot).

BRBCH was established in 1976 and was one of the first chapters in the nation. Their goal is to ensure that stock users can continue to access backcountry and wilderness trails. The chapter annually contributes over 600 personal hours and 425 stock hours on projects, most on the National Forest, that create significant benefits for all trail users and for the natural resources.

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