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## NEWS RELEASE

### *Bitterroot National Forest*

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### **LAKE COMO BOAT DOCK AND FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Hamilton, MT. – The boat dock at Lake Como on the Darby Ranger District will be removed today as the water level has dropped steadily in recent weeks. The swim lines near the beach area were removed earlier this week.

Just a reminder that visitors still need a recreation pass at Lake Como. Day use fees and camping fees are charged from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Day passes will not be required starting Monday, September 1.

Lake Como campground is scheduled to remain open through mid-September. Three Frogs campground will be open through the end of September, but with no services. Rock Creek Horse Camp will remain open, with no services, until closed by snow. The historic Wood's Cabin on the north shore of Lake Como is again available to rent this winter. To make reservations visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

For more information, contact the Darby Ranger District at (406) 821-3913.

### **STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Recent cooler temperatures and a moist weather pattern prompted fire management officials this week to rescind Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. The Bitterroot National Forest along with other land management agencies across the region is lifting the restrictions effective tomorrow, Saturday, August 23 at 12:01 a.m.

Even though restrictions are being lifted, forest officials are asking campers and recreationists to maintain vigilance when extinguishing campfires and while smoking outdoors. Campfires should be cold to the touch before leaving and carelessly disposed of cigarettes can easily ignite wildfires.

Fire danger on the forest remains HIGH. So far this summer, Bitterroot National Forest fire crews have responded to and extinguished more than 60 wildfires. Due to the quick response of crews, most of the fires were kept small – under 1 acre in size.

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