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Fall Campground Closures

Hamilton, Montana (September 12, 2017) – Fall officially arrives next week and along with all the seasonal changes, the Bitterroot National Forest is announcing the following campground and recreation site closures and updates:

Darby/Sula Ranger District – (406) 821-3913

- Lake Como Recreation Area
 - Lower Como Campground = Open with services and nightly fees through September 24th. Current fees - \$16/night. Campground will close on September 25.
 - Three Frogs Campground = Open with services and nightly fees through September 24. Current fees - \$8/night. Will remain open through October 1st with no services and 'pack it in, pack it out' garbage and free of charge.
 - Lake Como Day Use Sites (Picnic Area, Trailhead, Beach, Boat Launch) = Day use fees no longer required, no services, 'pack it in, pack it out'. Open year-round.
 - Rock Creek Horse Camp = Open with services and nightly fees through September 24th. Will remain open until closed by snow. No services. 'Pack it in, pack it out'.
 - Wood's Cabin = The historic cabin on the north shore of Lake Como is available to rent in the fall and winter. \$60 per night. To reserve your dates visit www.recreation.gov.

- Black Bear Campground - Open until closed by snow with 6 campsites. No water. 'Pack it in, pack it out' garbage.

- Lost Horse Road & Schumaker Campground – Open until closed by snow. No services. 'Pack it in, pack it out' garbage.

- Skalkaho Pass (State Highway 38) is currently open. For latest road information visit www.mdt.mt.gov or Dial 511.

- Spring Gulch Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 30th. Current fees - \$12/night. Campground will close on Oct. 1.

- Indian Trees Campground - Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 30. Current fees - \$10/night. Campground will close on Oct. 1.

- Martin Creek Campground – CLOSED due to the Meyers Fire. If it does open back up, there will be no fees, services, and pack it in, pack it out until closed by snow.
- Crazy Creek Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 17. Current fees - \$8/night. Remain open after Sept. 17 with no fees, no services and 'pack it in, pack it out' until closed by snow.
- Crazy Creek Horse Camp – Open with no services and 'pack it in, pack it out' until closed by snow
- Jennings Camp – Open with no services and 'pack it in, pack it out' until closed by snow
- Warm Springs Campground – Open with services and nightly fees through Sept. 30. Current fees - \$8/night. Campground will close on Oct. 1.
- McCart Lookout – CLOSED due to the Meyers Fire.
- East Fork Guard Station – CLOSED due to the Meyers Fire. When it does open back up, reservations available at www.recreation.gov
- Two Good Cabin – Open for reservations through Oct. 15th. Reservations resume from Dec. 1 through Dec. 31. Reservations available at www.recreation.gov.

Stevensville Ranger District: (406) 777-5461

- Bass Creek Recreation Area: CLOSED due to the Lolo Peak Fire
 - Charles Water Campground – If it opens up, there will be no fees, no services, and 'pack it in, pack it out' garbage until closed by snow.
 - Larry Creek Group Site – If it opens up, will be available on a first come, first serve basis with no fees, no services, 'pack it in, pack it out' until closed by snow.
- Blodgett Campground – Open with 7 campsites until closed by snow. No water. 'Pack it in, pack it out' garbage.
- Gold Creek Campground – Open with 5 campsites until closed by snow. No water. 'Pack it in, pack it out' garbage.
- St. Mary Peak Lookout – Closed for the season. Due to vandalism and garbage being left by users, the Lookout will no longer be accessible in the winter for shelter. For more information, contact the Stevensville Ranger District.

West Fork Ranger District: (406) 821-3269

- Rombo Campground – Open with no services and 'pack it in, pack it out' garbage until closed by snow.

- Alta Campground – Open with no services and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Sam Billings Campground – Open with 12 campsites and no fees until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.
- Slate Creek Campground – Front loop open until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage. Back loop closed Sept. 30.
- Fales Flat Campground - Open with no services, and ‘pack it in, pack it out’ until closed by snow.
- Beaver Point, Raven Creek, Indian Creek, Paradise Campgrounds open until closed by snow. No services. ‘Pack it in, pack it out’ garbage.
- Magruder Ranger’s House – Reservations open through October 29th but water will be turned off Oct. 2nd. Reservations available at www.recreation.gov.
- Magruder Road Corridor is currently open between Darby and Elk City, Idaho. Contact the West Fork office for road updates, (406) 821-3269.

For more information on campground closures and road and trail information, contact your local Ranger District.

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