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# Hebgen Lake Ranger District News Release



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## Emergency Closures on Hebgen Lake Ranger District

The Hebgen Lake Ranger District has implemented three emergency area closures to address grizzly bear activity. The closures are in the Pica Point trail area, the Eldridge Creek Road area, and the Lower Tepee Creek area. All closure areas are located north of Hebgen Lake and south of the Taylor Fork drainage.

There are elk carcasses in the Pica Point and Eldridge Creek areas that bears are foraging on placing people in the area at a higher level of risk. The Pica Point Trail closure is located in the Cabin Creek Wildlife Management Area. The area closure includes the Minnie Wapiti Trail #203, beginning at the junction of the Minnie Wapiti Trail #203 and the Wapiti Trail #35, then south along the Minnie Wapiti Trail #203 to Pika Point. The Wapiti Trail #35 remains open in its entirety. The Eldridge Creek Road area closure is located in the Taylor Fork drainage. The area generally closed includes some portions of Eldridge Cree Road #3100 and other spur roads in the area.

There is a horse carcass near the Lower Tepee Creek Trail #208 that could be a food source for bears in the area. The carcass is hard to see so officials have not been able to determine whether or not bears are feeding on it at this time. This area closure includes the area immediately surrounding Lower Tepee Creek Trail #208 from its intersection with Trails #151 and #89 to where it crosses Tepee Creek

For additional closure information please contact the Hebgen Lake Ranger District, (406) 823-6961.

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