
Hebgen Lake Ranger District News Release



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Hebgen Dam Temporarily Fixed – Forest Service Opens Access to Madison River

West Yellowstone, MT... The Forest Service has lifted the area closure on the Madison River corridor from Hebgen Dam to Earthquake Lake because of PPL's efforts to safely secure the dam until a long-term repair can be conducted next spring. The closure was implemented because of human safety concerns. PPL crews remain on site to complete an investigation of the root cause of the dam breach by visually inspecting stop logs released from the dam. Options for future work are being evaluated. The day use area at the dam will remain closed until all operational activity has ceased prior to the winter season.

The public should use caution around and be aware that stop logs that have come from the dam may be along the Madison River shoreline until sometime next spring.

The Cabin Creek Campground and Trailhead area closure will remain intact until work to thin trees in and around the campground is complete. The Forest has provided alternative access to the Cabin Creek Trail from the Scarp Interpretive Site. Trail users will need to park at the Scarp Interpretive Site and look for signs indicating the alternative route. The closures are needed to address public safety concerns while thinning activities occur.

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