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Almanor Overflow Camping Area To Close, Campground To Be Upgraded

Chester, Calif...Last October the Lassen National Forest made a decision to upgrade the camping facilities at the Almanor Campground and recreation area. As a result of these planned changes, on August 1, 2004 the existing overflow camping area will be closed permanently and will no longer be available for overnight camping. This decision was made to address environmental concerns that include protection of critical botanical habitat, and sensitive vernal pools. Immediate implementation is necessary to protect these resources.

This decision allows for the implementation of several improvements and changes within the Almanor Campground complex to begin in 2006 with the survey and design work, with reconstruction work to take place in the following years. Improvements to the area will include:

- The existing overflow camping area will be closed to overnight camping, and re-vegetated.
- The Almanor Campground (North & South), as well as the amphitheater will be reconstructed. The reconstruction will include improved facilities such as flush toilets; showers, electrical hook ups, and the campsites will be redesigned to accommodate a wide variety of RV's and improved road access.
- A new two-loop group campground will be built to provide 39 campsites, flush toilets and showers, and an RV dump station. The campsites in the group camp will be available for overflow camping if the facility is not reserved for large group use.
- The Almanor Picnic Area will be rebuilt to include handicap accessible picnic areas, shade structures, a split rail fence and an information kiosk.

Visitors to the Lake Almanor area are encouraged to plan future visits accordingly when making travel plans. For more information about the upcoming changes, contact, Jane Goodwin, or Janie Ackley at (530) 258-2141.

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