

# NEWS RELEASE



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### **Antelope Lake Recreation Area to open July 28**

Much of the Antelope Lake Recreation Area, campgrounds, boat ramp, and picnic area will be open on July 28, although the fire area south of the lake will remain closed. The campgrounds (Boulder Creek, Lone Rock, and Long Point) will re-open on a first-come, first-serve basis, with reservations available beginning August 1. The closure area includes the south shore of the lake from the dam to Long Point Campground. A map of the open and closed areas and associated forest order may be viewed at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas>.

All dirt roads will remain closed. Open paved roads include: 29N43 (FH 172) from Genesee/Taylorville, 28N01 (FH 01) from Janesville, 26N70 (FH 177) then 28N03 (FH 176 & 172) from Beckwourth, and 27N41 (FH 41) road to north side of the lake.

Falling rocks, snags (partially burned trees, standing dead trees, and trees whose bases are loosened by burned or eroded ground), and stump holes post the greatest current safety threat in areas that remain closed.

The Antelope Fire Complex was ignited by lightning on July 5, and burned 22,902 acres. Firefighters have begun rehabilitation in the burned area. This includes mitigation to reduce erosion from dozer and hand lines, protection of sensitive plants and animals, and the reduction of spread of noxious weeds.

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#### **Key Points:**

- 1. Much of the Antelope Lake Recreation Area, campgrounds, boat ramp, and picnic area on the north side will re-open on Saturday, July 28.**
- 2. Only paved roads entering the area will be open; all side dirt roads will remain closed for safety.**
- 3. Contact the local Forest Service office or visit the website, [www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas), for more information.**