

Recreation Site Facility Master Plan

Opportunity:

We identified the Forest's recreation niche while developing a five-year-action plan to manage the forest's recreation sites commensurate with our current staffing levels and budgets.

Umpqua's Niche

Destination Waters . . . where friends and family meet

From thundering waterfalls to still mountain lakes, water is the essence of the Umpqua National Forest. These regionally distinctive features provide generations of visitors natural settings for recreation, and connect visitors with other significant features and destinations.

Background:

- The Forest's recreation niche is key to providing a quality recreation program
- We're proposing to decommission six sites to become dispersed sites:
 - Skillet Creek Forest Camp
 - South Shore Swimming Area
 - Boulder Creek Annex Campground
 - Kelsay Valley Forest Camp
 - Steelhead Forest Camp
 - Thielsen Forest Camp
- We're proposing to close Watson Creek Forest Camp
- Throughout the planning process, we've completed analyses that will help us make solid decisions in the future for recreation.

Opportunities:

We will be able to identify potential recreation partnerships. We will be able to share our recently developed niche statement with the public as we share how we plan to manage the Forest's recreation sites. Closing the sites will allow us to redirect our limited funding to higher priority sites that better meet our niche.

Stakeholders:

- Federal and state agencies
- Forest employees
- Congressionals
- Regional Office
- Forest Service retirees
- Media
- Washington, DC, office
- Recreational visitors
- Environmental groups
- Outfitter/guides
- Resort permittees
- Summerhome owners

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