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Lover's Leap Campground Restricted to Day-Use Only

Strawberry, CA – The Lovers Leap campground near Strawberry is temporarily closed to overnight parking and camping. The site is open for day use parking only. Campfires and barbeques are not allowed in the facility during this time. A fir-engraver beetle outbreak, along with natural mortality to white fir trees in the area, has resulted in many trees dying within the campground at Lover's Leap. It was necessary to cut down more than 70 hazard trees to remove risk of injury to users of the campground. As a result of the large amount of trees on the ground, there is a need to remove the excess fuels within the campground. Until those trees, limbs, and branches are removed from the site, there is a risk of injury to users of the camp sites, and a high risk of fire starts. The forest is in the process of contracting to have the fuels removed, and when the project is completed, the campground will be open for overnight use again.