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Campsites Are A Sure Catch In Lassen National Forest

The Lassen National Forest will soon open over 350 camping sites near prime fishing waters in support of the 2003 Fishing Season. The Forest Service and Chico Research Foundation, CSU personnel are preparing campgrounds for spring campers and anglers. Forest Service Officials project there will be more than enough camping sites available to meet the anticipated demand by the April 26th opening day of trout season,.

All Forest Service campgrounds along Hat Creek will be open by April 19th. Deer Creek's Alder, and Elam campgrounds are scheduled to open April 11th with Potato Patch already open. Butte Creek's Cherry Hill and Butte Meadows campgrounds will open April 25. Almanor Campground on Lake Almanor is presently open. Along the Susan River, Goumaz Campground is scheduled to open by April 25, weather and road conditions permitting.

The Forest Service would like to remind anglers to review the 2003 Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations Handbook for possible restrictions. One such restriction requires the use of artificial lures with barbless hooks be used on Deer Creek from 250 feet below Upper Deer Creek Falls downstream 31 miles. This booklet is available at many fishing supply retail outlets. It is also posted on the web at:

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fg_comm/2003/freshfish03.

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The Old Station Visitor Center will open April 25th and is located at the junction of Highway 44 and Highway 89, across the highway from Hat Creek. The center will be

staffed this spring for weekend visitors Friday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The center will begin a summer schedule in mid-June and be open seven days a week. The friendly staff is ready to provide the public insightful sightseeing, fishing and camping information.

The remaining Lassen National Forest Campgrounds are projected to open for Memorial Weekend as road conditions permit. Additionally, dispersed camping is allowed on the Lassen National Forest. Be sure to contact the nearest Forest Service Office for additional information and possible area closures. Campers are reminded when dispersed camping a California Campfire Permit is required. These permits are issued free of charge and can be picked up at any California Division of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, or Forest Service office.

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