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Crump Lake Reopens for Public Recreation

LAKE COUNTY, Ore. –Crump Lake is now open for public recreation due to increased water levels.

The Department of State Lands has lifted the emergency closure restricting foot traffic, motor vehicle access, and other public uses of Crump Lake. Closure is necessary during low water conditions to prevent vandalism and looting of cultural resources and impacts to natural features in and around Crump Lake.

“Reopening Crump Lake for recreation brings me great joy, as does the success of the recent closure in preventing looting and vandalism,” said DSL Director Vicki L. Walker. “We are working toward a more consistent approach to closures that will protect cultural resources in drought conditions while also providing public access when water levels increase.”

Actions as small as pocketing a found object can seriously harm culturally significant Tribal sites. The state of Oregon maintains laws against disturbing archaeological sites, but enforcement at Crump Lake has been impossible without complete closures during low water conditions.

The Department is currently seeking public comment on proposed language of a new rule for periodic closures of Crump Lake during low water. The proposed rule was created with a collaborative group that included DSL staff, representatives from local government, land managers, residents, public safety and enforcement, hunters and recreationists, and the Klamath Tribes.

From July 1 to July 31, the public is invited to comment on the proposed rule (OAR 141-088) and attend a hybrid public hearing on July 26 at 2:00pm in Lakeview, Oregon. Find information on the DSL website at www.oregon.gov/dsl/Laws/Pages/Rulemaking.aspx

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