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## North Umpqua River and River Access Points Now Open

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Access locations along the North Umpqua River will be open and the river will be accessible to the public beginning May 15, 2021. The Umpqua National Forest, in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon State Marine Board have been working to reopen prime access spots for boaters as quickly and safely as possible following the Archie Creek Fire.

Please be aware that even if an access site is open, it may have limited or no facilities. Fallen trees may also limit mobility. Popular lunch spots on the river may be closed due to unstable banks or hazard trees.

Heavy equipment and work crews are working daily to remove hazard trees and stabilize steep slopes. If you are boating, stay out of closed areas and, if possible, move to the far side of the river when heavy equipment is working on or near the bank.

Scouting ahead is important. The river is dynamic and can pose risks.

Online resources are available to help boaters see what is open. Boaters should visit <a href="www.boat.oregon.gov">www.boat.oregon.gov</a> and look for the "Reported Obstructions and Alerts" to see reported closures and obstructions.

Because conditions remain dynamic, boaters should proceed carefully, as if they were navigating a river entirely new to them.

For more information, contact the Umpqua National Forest at 541-957-3200 or the Roseburg BLM at 541-579-0648.

Area Closures associated with the Archie Creek Fire for both the BLM and Umpqua National Forest remain in effect. Current closure information for BLM managed lands can be found at: <a href="https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions">https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions</a>

Area Closures for the Umpqua National Forest can be found at: https://go.usa.gov/xGJSE

For further information on fire impacts across Oregon, please visit: <a href="https://wildfire.oregon.gov/Pages/Recreation-lmpacts.aspx">https://wildfire.oregon.gov/Pages/Recreation-lmpacts.aspx</a>

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