

Forest Service proposes boat ramp restoration at Suttle Lake

The Sisters Ranger District is seeking out the public's concerns, questions, and suggestions regarding a project proposal to reconstruct and maintain four boat ramps and associated docks at Suttle Lake.

Public comments will help the Forest Service identify issues to be considered in the environmental review of this proposal.

The project would take place at the Blue Bay, South Shore, and Link Creek Campgrounds and the West Suttle Lake Day Use Area.

Boat ramps and associated facilities were constructed in the 1970s and require

ongoing and costly maintenance, and some need to be replaced, the Forest Service reports. In some locations the section of the ramp below the level of the lake has deteriorated, subsided, or lacks an anchoring system.

The Forest Service believes that the project would provide a safe and enjoyable recreational opportunity, ensure the integrity of campground boat ramps and docks, and provide for public health and safety at Suttle Lake.

Construction activities include replacement of existing asphalt boat ramps with cast in-place concrete ramps;

construction of accessible paths, and installation of boat anchoring systems.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action. Submit comments to Suttle Lake Boat Ramp Reconstruction and Maintenance Project, Project

Manager Amy Racki, PO Box 249, Sisters, OR 97759; phone 541-549-7730; FAX 541-549-7746; email comments-pacificnorthwestschutes-sisters@fs.fed.us. Hand-delivered comments may be submitted during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except legal holidays. Comments should be received by August 28.

For more information about the project please contact Amy Racki at 541-549-7730 or email at aracki@fs.fed.us.

Obituary

Merton L. Meeker, Jr.
November 13, 1929 – July 25, 2017

Merton L. Meeker, Jr. was born in San Francisco, California. A graduate of the University of Oregon, Mert was a proud member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

He had a successful career in the insurance industry, earning him numerous awards and accolades from his peers. As Vice-President of Marketing for Oregon Mutual Insurance in McMinnville, he met and married his wife, Susan, in 1983. After retiring in 1992, Mert and Susan moved to Sisters, where they relished the Central Oregon lifestyle.

Together they traveled, played golf, enjoyed camping and socializing with their vast number of friends. He was a member of the Sisters Jazz Festival Board of Directors and a board member for the Crossroads Homeowners Association.

Preceded in death by his



son, Gregory S. Meeker, Mert is survived by his wife, Susan; sons Merton B. Meeker (Carolyn) and Michael F. Meeker (Sandra); stepchildren Kelly Lynch Jeffers, Tracy Hayden (Dave) and Jason Carl; and seven wonderful grandchildren.

A private interment will be held. Memorial gifts may be made in Mert's honor to Oregon Junior Golf Association (OJGA), 2840 Hazelnut Dr., Woodburn, OR 97071, or by calling 503-981-4653. All gifts are tax-deductible.

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