

Mt. Hood area camping areas delayed by snow

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News Editor

Only five of the 19 campgrounds managed by the Zig Zag Ranger station are currently open. The reason for the late opening dates for most of the other campgrounds is the large amount of snow still in the Hoodland area.

The campgrounds which are open are Twin Bridges, Camp Creek, Riley, McNeil, Tollgate, and Green Canyon. All of these campsites were crowded this past weekend, according to forestry officials.

The other campgrounds will open when the snow permits and those campgrounds which have a user's fee will have the fee boxes installed and working on June 14.

According to Warren Oleny, resource assistant at the Zig Zag Station, the snow fall this year was a record fall in several ways including the amount and the high water content of it. There was a snow depth at one time of 12½ feet at Government Camp and the water content is 48 per cent which is unusually high for this area.

Right now there still is about three feet of snow still on the ground at Government Camp which is a record for this time of year in that area, according to Oleny.

Due to this snow the forest service was unable to get most of their parks open for this past weekend. George Rhinehart, recreation foreman, and his crew is currently busy working on the camp sites as the weather allows.

The campgrounds which are under the control of the Zig Zag station besides those mentioned above are Alpine, Barlow, Clear Creek Picnic Grounds, Coffman, Devils Half Acre, Devils Meadow, Fir Tree, Kinzel Lake, Mirror Lake Picnic Grounds, Phlox Point, Rolling Riffle, Still Creek and Trillium Lake.

For those wishing to find out where these sites are located and what can be found in the way of facilities they should stop at the Zig Zag Station and ask for the Campground Directory. The Ranger Station is open seven days a week.

The most popular campground in the district is Trillium Lake which was visited by 16,700 campers last year. These visits which were counted did not tell whether the campers stayed one day or three weeks.

Currently this site is closed due to over four feet of snow and the lake still has ice on it, according to Oleny. There is a single lane road plowed past the campground site but there is no place to park.

Trillium Lake is one of the charge campgrounds in the Hoodland area. The fee is one dollar for the picnic area and two dollars for the camping area. Persons are charged two dollars in the camping area even if they only go for a picnic in that area. Instructions on the charge at each site will be posted by June 14 when the fee will start being charged.

Another popular campground in the area is Green Canyon which is now open to the public. It is located five miles off of Highway 26 past the Welches Grade School. It is located on the Salmon River.

This site had over 7,700 visits during the past year and is developed with running water and toilets. Flush toilets are scheduled for the site in the next few years as an additional improvement. A charge will also be made at this site.

Twin Bridges is one of the non-charge camp sites in the area now open. Last year over 6,600 users were recorded.

According to forestry officials, the funding for recreational development in the Zig Zag area has not been increased at the same rate as the amount of users has been.

Oleny pointed out that the increase in Trillium Lake campground went from 5,000 visits in 1965 to the 16,700 visits in 1970. He said that in the 1971 fiscal budget there was no funding for development at the Zig Zag station for any of the campgrounds. In that same period of time, Oleny said the improvement at Trillium included paving the road, placing of outhouses and some other minor improvement.

He said the next funding for improvements is coming out of the O and C funds. This will pay for improvement of Glacier View Picnic area to be worked on in the next two years. This is the only new park set to be developed in the future at present, according to Oleny.

The Zig Zag station is now also looking to receive some funds for the pollution

problems of the toilets at Tollgate, McNeil, and Camp Creek.

Tollgate will receive heat so that it can be used year round. In fact, according to Oleny and Rhinehart the forest service is getting ready to meet the demand for year round camping in the Mt. Hood area. At present most areas are closed during the winter months.

The money received from the campgrounds which are charge sites is distributed by the federal government to the states on a population basis with the more populated areas getting the larger amount of money.

Currently the recreation crew is cleaning up the debris from winter storms in getting the parks open for public use. Everything is checked including the water systems and their sanitation systems. Garbage cans are put out and a litter clean up of each area is

had.

At present it is costing about \$3,200 to contract out the garbage pickup service. This does not count the placing and cost of each can. The total expense on garbage is about \$5,000, according to Rhinehart.

Painting and replacing the work of vandals are two other major work items in getting parks ready. Vandals cause an estimated \$500 damage which is reported. Often repairs are made without an official report being made.

As the snow melts the work of the recreation crew will increase and as the number of park users increase each year a demand will be also increased for more park development.

Visitors and campers are encouraged to stop at the Zig Zag Ranger Station to get information on camp sites, wood cutting areas, plant digging areas and any other information concerning the woods any day of the week.



JIM ROGAN on the left and Curt y Bartley on the right are testing the water at one of the more developed parks in the Hoodland area. Parks in the area vary in the degree of facilities available for the camper.

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"CURLY" BARTLEY, one of the recreation crew members at the Zig Zag Ranger station, is busy this time of year getting facilities at the local campgrounds ready for the heavy summer use. Here he is working at Green Canyon Campground which is one of the more developed areas.

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THE LOCAL CAMPGROUNDS under management of the Zig Zag Ranger Station are marked by similar signs to this one marking McNeil Campground. The forest service is currently working to get all campgrounds in the area open for use but snow is causing a delay in many cases. McNeil is one of the campgrounds open. It is located seven miles north of Zig Zag on Lolo Pass Road N18.

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A PERFECT CAMPSITE in the Hoodland area. Some lucky camper last weekend found a spot with a fireplace, picnic table and a clear spot to pitch his tent which was right next to the Salmon River. Even though the weather was not at its best, we bet this camper enjoyed his stay.

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Hoodland Rural Fire Protection Dist. 74 1971-72 Budget

FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Hoodland Rural Fire Protection District #74 for the fiscal year 1971-72, beginning July 1, 1971, is hereby notified that the budget for the year 1971-72 is being prepared. The budget for the year 1971-72 is being prepared by the Board of Directors. The budget for the year 1971-72 is being prepared by the Board of Directors. The budget for the year 1971-72 is being prepared by the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
	TOTAL	GENERAL	DEPARTMENT	Building
				Fund
1. Total Budget	33,322	24,964		10,378
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FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1971				
	TOTAL	GENERAL	DEPARTMENT	Building
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1. Total Budget	32,950	27,250		5,700
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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS				
	DEBT	DEBT	DEBT	DEBT
1. Debt				
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APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FUND REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT				
	1971-72	1971-72	1971-72	1971-72
1. Department				
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1971-72

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HISTORICAL DATA				
	1970	1971	1972	1973
1. Budget	3,000	2,700		
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