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BLM RECREATION SITES ON HOLTER AND HAUSER LAKES OPEN MAY 14

BUTTE – Visitors to campgrounds and recreation sites on Holter and Hauser Lake will be pleased with improvements made during the off-season. All sites officially open on May 14 when services will be provided and recreation fees collected.

Improvements at Holter Lake Campground include paving of loop roads and pathways, the addition of a new fish cleaning station and improving the breakwater spit to make it universally accessible. Roads and paths were also paved at Log Gulch and Departure Point Campgrounds along with additional landscaping, and new tables and grills. Two new group shelters were added at Log Gulch and improvements were made to the swimming area and the shoreline for fishing.

Five new campsites were added to the Holter Dam site with additional day-use parking and new water well.

On Hauser Lake, Devil's Elbow Campground saw improvements in landscaping, trails, and the swimming area. At nearby Clark's Bay, visitors will find new tables and landscape improvements.

Fee sites on Hauser Lake include Devil's Elbow Campground and Clark's Bay day-use sites located about two miles north of Lakeside off York Road. Day-use visitors will be able to launch boats again this season at Devil's Elbow from 7 am to 10 pm subject to available parking. On Holter Lake recreation use fees are charged at Log Gulch, Departure Point, and Holter Lake Campgrounds.

Fees at the above sites are:

Camping = \$10/night

Day Use = 2/vehicle

Seasonal Day Use Pass = \$25/vehicle

Group Picnic Reservations = \$50 + \$2/vehicle (Holter Lake, Log Gulch and Clark's Bay)

Group Camping Reservations = \$50 + \$10/night (Devil's Elbow and Log Gulch)

The Holter Dam Site located on the Missouri River immediately below the lake along Holter Dam Road

also opens May 14 with camping at \$6/night and day-use boat launching at \$2/vehicle.

The Beartooth Landing boat-in site located upriver from Holter Lake and across from Ming Bar is now

open. No fees are charged at this site.

All fees are half price for those who possess a Golden Age or Golden Access Passport. To qualify, you

must be 62 years of age or permanently disabled. For passport information and more information about any of the

Bureau of Land Management recreation sites in the Hauser or Holter Lake area, contact one of the following BLM

numbers:

Butte Field Office, 633-7600

Devil's Elbow, 227-3570 Holter Lake, 235-4314

Log Gulch, 235-4480.

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