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Buckeye Hot Springs and Buckeye Creek Road to be Temporarily Closed on Sept. 15 and 16 to Install New Vault Toilet

Bridgeport, CA., Sept. 10, 2021 – The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in partnership with Mammoth Lakes Recreation and Mono County are making upgrades to the Buckeye Hot Springs day use area to improve user experience and resource-related issues. From Wednesday, Sept. 15 through Thursday, Sept. 16, this area, including the hot springs and the entire Buckeye Creek Road, will be temporarily closed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. while a new vault toilet is installed.

“For the safety of the public, it is necessary for us to close both the day use area and road, so heavy equipment can bring in the toilet and install it,” said Kim Murcia, Bridgeport Ranger District Recreation Staff Officer. “There will be Forest Service staff manning the road closure barricades and will assist campers getting in and out of the Buckeye Campground, which will not be closed.”

Partners and cooperators have already completed work on a more sustainable parking area and trail alignment, while decommissioning redundant user-created trails that have contributed to substantial erosion over time. Ongoing project work will include the installation picnic tables and interpretive signage, as well as continued rehabilitation of affected system-lands.

Funding for this project has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California, under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68).

Project safety information may be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/htnf/alerts-notice> or at <https://twitter.com/HumboldtToiyabe> and <https://www.facebook.com/HumboldtToiyabeNF/>.

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