

Prineville Reservoir's Powder House Cove closed for construction

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Powder House Cove on Prineville Reservoir near Bowman Dam closed for construction on Tuesday, April 10. The day-use recreation site will remain closed through October. The construction is part of a major renovation that includes a new park entrance off Highway 27, new access roads, expanded parking lots, a second restroom building and a double-lane boat ramp. "Work on the boat ramp will begin this fall when the lake is low enough," said Prineville Reservoir State Park Manager Steve Memminger. Extensive excavation is associated with the project, which is being co-funded by the federal Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and the Oregon State Marine Board. OPRD is using Lottery dollars to finance its share of the \$1.2 million project cost. Powder House Cove is 20 miles south of Prineville and 25 miles east of Bend on Highway 27. OPRD maintains and operates the site under a lease agreement with BOR. During the Powder House Cove closure, boaters can launch from ramps at Prineville Reservoir State Park, Jasper Point Campground and Prineville Resort, all located on the north side of the reservoir 15 miles south of Prineville on Juniper Canyon Road.

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