

Hell Hole General Parking Area

DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM

Name of Facility:	Hell Hole Boat Ramp General Parking Area
Type of Facility:	Boat Ramp Parking
Managing Agency:	USDA Forest Service - Eldorado National Forest – Georgetown Ranger District
Date of this Inventory:	August 4, 2008
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

The Hell Hole General Parking Area is located up the hill from Hell Hole Boat Ramp and can be accessed via Forest Route 2 (FR 2). This parking area includes three distinct parking sections: (1) a northwest section with enough space for 19 vehicles; (2) a middle section with enough space for another 19 vehicles, and; (3) a southeast section with enough space for 8-9 vehicles plus 3 designated handicap parking spaces. The parking area surfaces have been paved with asphalt, and chip sealed. The parking stalls have been striped in the past but most of the striping has faded. This parking area can be used for overnight parking.

Amenities in this parking area include: (1) a single-unit, pre-cast restroom (CXT); (2) a bear-proof garbage container; and (3) two picnic tables, one of which is disabled accessible.

The site is operated by the Forest Service with funds provided by PCWA under the current FERC license agreement.

OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:

<p>Condition of Facility: Overall facility condition is fair to good. The parking lot surfaces have been paved with asphalt and chip sealed. The northwest and center parking sections are in fair to good condition, although the stall striping has faded. The surface of the southeast parking lot has experienced substantial deterioration and is in fair to poor condition. In addition, the parking stall striping and handicap markings have faded. Most of the signage is in good condition, although some signs have faded. The bathroom, a single-unit CXT, was installed in 2000 and is in good condition. One bear-proof garbage can is available adjacent to the CXT and is in good condition. The picnic tables are in good condition, although the paint on the accessible table is flaking.</p>
<p>Accessibility Conditions: The bathroom is accessible. The bear-proof garbage container is not considered accessible due to the handle design. One accessible group-sized picnic table is available. There is sufficient clear space around the table, but small obstacles such as brush and rocks are present and should be removed. Also, an illegal fire-ring impedes access to the accessible table. The stairway from the parking area to the boat ramp is not accessible.</p>
<p>Health and Safety Concerns: None. Barrier fence around perimeter of parking area prevents access to steep slopes between the parking area and the reservoir.</p>
<p>Environmental and Cultural Concerns: None</p>
<p>Comments: Potable water is not available. An illegal fire ring is present near the picnic tables and should be removed.</p>

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SITE FEATURES

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Type	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
Toilet	Single-unit CXT	Between southeast and center parking sections.	Pre-cast concrete	Vault	Good	Y						In good condition. However, ceiling is sagging and should be repaired.
Picnic Table	1	Adjacent to parking area, under trees.	Painted wood plank table top on steel frame	Group	Good	Y		X	X		X	Overall this table is in good condition. However, the paint on the table boards is peeling. The table is accessible and there is sufficient clear space but the space is in need of maintenance. Specifically, brush and small obstacles (rocks) should be removed. Also, an illegal fire ring impedes access to the table.
Picnic Table	1	Adjacent to parking area, under trees.	Painted wood plank table top on steel frame	Single	Good	N		X			X	Table is not accessible design.
Garbage Containers	1 (2-bin)	Adjacent to CXT.	Steel	Bear-proof	Good	N					X	Garbage container is in good condition but is not considered accessible due to the design of the handles.

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PARKING, ROADWAYS and TRAVEL PATHS

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Cond	Accessibility						Comments	
					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other		
Parking Areas	Approx. 65,000 square feet	This parking area includes three distinct parking sections: (1) a northwest section with enough space for 19 vehicles; (2) a middle section with enough space for another 19 vehicles, and; (3) a southeast section with enough space for 8-9 vehicles, plus 3 designated handicap parking spaces.	Asphalt with chip seal	Varies (Poor to Good)	Y						X	<p>The parking area surfaces have been paved with asphalt, and chip sealed. However, the chip seal is deteriorating, especially in the southeast section of the parking area. Surface is cracked and decomposed, and tree roots are lifting the pavement in some areas. Needs brush maintenance around perimeter.</p> <p>The parking stalls have been striped in the past but most of the striping has faded to the point of being indistinguishable. Three handicap stalls are available but the painted symbols on the pavement are faded.</p>

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PARKING, ROADWAYS and TRAVEL PATHS (continued)

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
Roadways	Approx. 350 feet long by 8-12 feet wide (single lane)	Intersection of FR 2, looping around parking area.	Asphalt with chip seal	Mostly good	Y						Overall, roadway is in good condition. However, some areas are in need of new chip seal and minor brushing. Potholes are present near the entrance/exit area, adjacent to culvert.
Trail and Stairway	Approx. 185 long by 5-feet wide.	Extends from upper parking area to FR 2.	Masonry, concrete, asphalt, and wood with steel hand rails.	Mostly good	N				X	X	Overall, stairway is in good condition. However, pavement sections are cracking and paint on handrail is flaking. Stairway is not accessible due to presence of steps and excessive slope. Changes would require major modifications.

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SIGNAGE

Type of Sign	Location	Qt.	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Handicap Accessible	At end of handicap accessible spaces	2	Painted aluminum signs on painted wood post	Good	Handicap Accessible symbol + PARKING ONLY VAN ACCESSIBLE		Readable from a vehicle.
Handicap Accessible	At end of handicap accessible space	1	Painted aluminum sign on painted wood post	Good	Handicap Accessible symbol + PARKING ONLY		Readable from a vehicle.
Information Board	Adjacent to toilet	1	MDO plywood with small frame on wood posts	Good	A careless Match... Destroys (poster)		Readable from a vehicle.
Regulatory	At entrance to parking general parking area	1	MDO plywood with small frame on wood posts	Good	FIRE RESTRICTIONS with symbols (poster)		Readable from a vehicle.
Directional	At top of pathway to boat ramp	1	Painted wood	Fair	TRAIL TO BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP USE HANDRAILS ELDORADO <i>National Forest</i>	Sign is functional but paint is fading and wood is split and deteriorating.	
Directional	On northwest side of road to Hell Hole General Parking Area	1	Painted red wood on redwood post, held up with boulders	Poor	TO UPPER PARKING LOT →	Too short, fading, obscured by vegetation, poor placement	Poor contrast, too short, obscured by vegetation
Directional	On north side of road to boat ramp just below access road to Hell Hole General Parking Area	1	Painted redwood in shape of arrow on painted steel post	Poor	PUBLIC BOAT RAMP	Too short, too small obscured by vegetation, poor placement	Too short, too small, obscured by vegetation, poor placement