

Appendix J-1
French Meadows Campground
Inventory

DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM

Name of Facility:	French Meadows Campground
Type of Facility:	Campground
Managing Agency:	USDA Forest Service – Tahoe National Forest – Foresthill Ranger District
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

French Meadows Campground is located on the south side of French Meadows Reservoir, east of French Meadows Boat Ramp and Picnic Area. It consists of 75 sites organized along two loops, an east loop and a west loop. Eight of the sites are designated as handicap accessible and two are designated as host sites. Sites 1-31, all on the east loop, may be used by reservation only. The other sites (Sites 32-75), all located on the west loop, are managed on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

Each site includes a heavy wood picnic table, a steel fire ring with adjustable grill, and a bear-proof food storage locker (bear box). All sites include a paved parking spur, typically delineated with a combination of wood posts, barrier bars and barrier rocks. Other amenities at this campground include bathrooms with flush toilets, vault toilets, bear-proof garbage containers, bear-proof recycling containers, and faucets with potable water.

OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:

<p>Condition of Facility: Overall, the campground is in good condition. The entrance road and loop roads were paved in 2001. Accordingly, the access roads and loop roads are in good condition. In addition, many of the spurs and site pads were widened or improved (e.g. compacted and leveled) in 2001. All of the spurs are paved and in good condition, although some are narrow (e.g. < 12 feet). Each site includes a heavy wood table most of which are in good condition, with minor paint flaking on some. Each site includes either a large or small bear box. All of the small bear boxes were installed in 2002 and all of the large bear boxes were installed in 2003 and 2004. All of the bear boxes are in good condition. Each site includes a fire ring with an adjustable fire grill. The fire rings were installed between 1998 and 2005. All of the fire rings are in good condition. The campground includes a total of 10 bear-proof garbage containers. One of the garbage containers was installed in 1999 and the other 9 were installed in 1998. All of the garbage containers are in good condition. The campground also includes five bear-proof recycling bins. All of the recycling bins were installed in 2006 and are in good condition.</p>
<p>Accessibility Conditions: Eight sites (Sites 16, 17, 18, 36, 38, 62, 63, and 64) are designated as handicap accessible and include accessible features such as tables and fire rings. However, in most cases the site spurs are too narrow. One bathroom, a double unit structure with flush toilets and sinks was retrofitted to meet accessibility standards. None of the other bathrooms are accessible. None of the water faucets are accessible although one has an accessible handle.</p>
<p>Health and Safety Concerns: None.</p>

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OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY (continued):

Environmental and Cultural Concerns: One cultural resource (FS-05-17-54-476) is situated within the boundaries of the campground. This is a linear feature (a ditch) that traverses the area between the campground and FR-96, sometimes intersecting the campground boundaries.

Comments: Water is supplied to this site via the French Meadows Campground Water Supply, which is referred to by the Forest Service as the French Meadows South Shore Water System. The water source is a horizontal groundwater well. Flow is approximately 1.7 gallons per minute. Service connections include 15 faucets and 4 bathrooms with flush toilets and sinks.

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FACILITY 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		
Garbage Containers	10 (2-bin)	Throughout campground	Painted steel set on concrete pads	Bear-proof	Good	N						X	One of the garbage containers was installed in 1998 and the others were installed in 1999. All are in good condition. Garbage containers are not considered accessible due to handle design. All are installed on concrete pads.
Recycle containers	5 (2-bin)	Throughout campground	Painted steel set on concrete pads	Bear-proof	Good	N						X	All of the recycle containers were installed in 2006. All are in good condition. Recycle containers are not considered accessible due to handle design. All are installed on concrete pads.
Concrete pads	15	Beneath garbage and recycling containers	Concrete		Good	NA							
Bathroom	1 double unit with 2 toilets and 2 sink per unit	# 1 east loop	Wood	Flush	Good	N						X	Not accessible design. Entrance and stalls too narrow.

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						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
Bathroom	1 double unit with 2 toilets and 1 sink per unit	#2 east loop	Wood	Flush	Good	Y						Converted to be accessible in 1995. Good access.
Bathroom	1 double unit	#3 west loop	Wood	Vault	Poor	N					X	Exceeded usable life (E. Moore)
Bathroom	1 double unit with 2 toilets and 2 sink per unit	#4 west loop	Wood	Flush	Good	N					X	Not accessible design. Entrance and stalls too narrow
Bathroom	1 double unit with 2 toilets and 2 sink per unit	#5 west loop	Wood	Flush	Good	N					X	Not accessible design. Entrance and stalls too narrow
Bathroom	1 double unit	#6 west loop	Wood	Vault	Poor	N					X	Exceeded usable life (E. Moore)
Faucets	15	Throughout campground	Standard upright steel pipe mounted to wood post set in corrugated steel drainage sump.		Fair to Good	N	X	X	X	X	X	Accessibility varies. Most are difficult to access due unlevel surfaces, and the presence of obstacles. Height of steel sumps varies from below grade to 8 inches high.

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						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope		Other
Fee Tube	1	Adjacent to fee station	Painted steel		Good	Y						
Message box	1	Adjacent to fee station	Painted steel on steel post		Good	Y						
Double Swing gate	1	At entrance to east loop	Green painted steel	Swing	Good	NA						

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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	
Access and CG Loop Roads	Approx. 5,500 feet long. Mostly single lane.	Main Access Road, West Loop Road, West Loop Center Road, Loop Connector Road, East Loop Road, Loop Return Road	Pave (AC)	Good	Y						Overall in good condition. See detailed road survey results for additional information.

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SIGNAGE

Type of Sign	Location	Qt.	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Site Identification	On main road near entrance	1	Painted MDO plywood on painted wood posts	Good	CAMPGROUND French Meadows		
Traffic	Entrance	1	Painted plywood on wood post	Good	Please keep vehicle on pavement.		
Traffic	Entrance	1	Painted aluminum sign (18" x 24") on painted PTDF post	Good	SPEED LIMIT 10	New	
Traffic	Exit	1	Painted aluminum sign (18" x 24") on painted PTDF post	Good	OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROHIBITED ON PAVED ROADS	New	
Regulatory	Exit	1	Painted aluminum sign (4' x 4') on wood posts	Fair	VEHICLE TRAVEL RESTRICTED ON NATIONAL FOREST LAND IN THIS AREA. Etc.	Paint is chipped and fading.	
Fee station	Entrance to east loop.	1	Painted MDO on double painted wood posts.	Good	WELCOME TO FRENCH MEADOWS CAMPGROUND plus various information posters	Adjacent to fee tube and box.	Fee area is delineated with rocks. Fee level is free of obstacles with a crushed rock surface.
Message board	Entrance to east loop.	1	Painted plywood (4' x4' in wood frame on painted wood posts.	Poor	MESSAGES No fireworks poster	Frame is broken. Paint is fading.	
Tanker fill post	Entrance to east loop	1	Wood post with white lettering	Good	TANKER FILL		
Hazard signs	On gate (2 on each side of double swing gate)	4	Painted aluminum (8" x 24")	Good	Reflective red and silver striping	Paint is peeling.	

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Type of Sign	Location	Qt.	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Regulatory	Adjacent to gate at start of east loop	1	Painted aluminum on double wood posts	Good	CAMP STIES 1-31 MAY BE RESERVED CALL 877-444-6777 OR WWW.RESERVEUS A.COM	White lettering on brown background.	White lettering is peeling.
Directional	On same posts as above	1	Painted aluminum on double wood posts	Good	Arrow CAMPSITES 1-31	White lettering on brown background.	White lettering is peeling.
Traffic	Start of east loop	1	Painted wood plywood on wood post	Poor	DO NOT ENTER	Paint is peeling badly. Not to standards.	
Traffic	Start of east loop	1	Painted wood board on wood post.	Good	ONE WAY	White lettering on brown background	
Unit Markers	Throughout campground, one at each site	75	PTDF with painted white numbers (4" x 4")	Good	Site numbers		Numbers are painted white for contrast
Handicap Accessible Unit markers	Sites 16, 17, 18, 36,38, 62, 63, 64	8	Painted aluminum mounted to unit marker	Good	wheelchair symbol	White lettering on blue sign	
Traffic	Across from site 19	1	Painted aluminum on PTDF post	Fair	NO PARKING	Red and black lettering on white background	Paint is fading. Set on short post.
Directional	At start of west loop	1	Painted aluminum on double wood posts	Good	Arrow CAMPSITES 32-75	White lettering on brown background	
Regulatory	At start of west loop	1	Painted aluminum on double wood posts	Fair	CAMP STIES 32 -75 FIRST COME FIRST SERVED	White lettering on brown background.	Paint is fading. White lettering and boarder is peeling.

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Type of Sign	Location	Qt.	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Directional	At intersection of west loop road and west loop center road	1	Painted aluminum on double wood posts	Good	Arrow SITES 61-68	White lettering on brown background	White paint is flaking around edges.
Directional	At intersection of west loop road and west loop center road	1	Painted aluminum on single wood post	Fair	Arrow	White arrow on brown background	Paint is faded.
Information board	Adjacent to campground host site No. 3	1	Painted MDO on double wood posts	Good	Various information posters. Campground manager sign.	Frame is in good condition. Board is peeling eves are peeling.	
Information boards	In front of flush toilet buildings	2	Painted MDO in frame set on painted wood posts, with narrow wood "roof"	Fair	Empty	Boards are in good condition. Roofs have dry rot.	
Small information boards	Adjacent to faucets throughout campground	7	11" x 18" painted MDO on painted wood post with small roof.	Fair to good	No fish cleaning, etc. at faucets	Most are in good condition. Some are in fair condition due to flaking paint or minor damage to wood.	