

**Appendix N-1**  
**Gates Group Campground**  
**Inventory**

**DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM**

Name of Facility:	<b>Gates Group Campground</b>
Type of Facility:	Group Campground
Managing Agency:	USDA Forest Service – Tahoe National Forest – Foresthill Ranger District
Date of this Inventory:	September 4, 2008
Inventory Prepared by:	Sandra Walter-Perry (ENTRIX) in consultation with Ed Moore (TNF)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:**

Gates Group Campground is located east of French Meadows Reservoir, on the south side of the Middle Fork American River. The campground is accessible via FR 68, off of FR 96. The campground includes three group campgrounds referred to as Ponderosa, Lodgepole, and Aspen. Ponderosa is the largest and can accommodate 75 persons at one time (PAOT). Lodgepole and Aspen can each accommodate 25 PAOT. Each campsite includes heavy wood picnic and serving tables, concrete stoves with steel grills, handicap accessible double pedestal grills, large bear boxes, bear-proof garbage bins, a group fire ring with new benches, vault toilets, and water faucets. None of the sites are designated as disabled accessible. The sites may be used by reservation only.

**OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:**

<p><b>Condition of Facility:</b> Overall facility condition is fair to good. The entrance road and all parking areas are paved and striped, and in good condition. All of the vault toilets are in good condition but outdated. The individual campsites are in good condition. Most of the picnic and serving tables are in good condition with minor flaking paint. All of the sites have concrete stoves with a steel grill. These are in fair to good condition but according to the TNF these stoves were designed in the 1960s and are outdated. The bear boxes, pedestal grills, and garbage containers are relatively new and therefore in good condition. The group fire pits and benches are in good condition, except for the fire pit at Ponderosa which is in poor condition due to damage.</p>
<p><b>Accessibility Conditions:</b> None of the sites are designated as accessible. However, at least a portion of the all of the sites is level and relatively free of obstacles. None of the bathrooms are accessible. Some of the faucets have accessible handles. Otherwise, the faucets are not accessible. The Forest Service determined that it is feasible to make Aspen accessible.</p>
<p><b>Health and Safety Concerns:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Environmental and Cultural Concerns:</b> Two cultural resources (FS-05-17-54-116 and FS-05-17-54-370) are located within the boundaries of Ponderosa. One is described as a bedrock mortar and flake scatter and the other is described as flake scatter. The boundaries of 116 were expanded to include 54-370 during cultural resources studies. In 1994, the FS determined that site 54-370 is not eligible for the NRHP.</p>
<p><b>Comments:</b> Water is supplied to this site via the Dolly Creek Water Supply, which is referred to by the Forest Service as the French Meadows North Shore Water System. The water source is a 575 feet deep groundwater well. Flow is approximately 11.75 gallons per minute.</p>

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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	
<b>Bathroom</b>	4	2 in Ponderosa, 1 in Lodgepole, 1 in Aspen	Wood, double unit	Vault	Good	N	X	X			X	Interior of bathrooms are in good condition. Exteriors are generally in good condition with minor paint flaking. None are accessible due to narrow widths, steps, etc.
<b>Faucets</b>	12	6 in Ponderosa, 3 in Lodgepole, 3 in Aspen	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. One faucet in Ponderosa has an accessible handle. All of the faucets in Lodgepole and Aspen have accessible handles.
<b>Gate</b>	1	At main entrance to Gates Group Campground	Green painted steel	Double, swing gate	Good	NA						
<b>Gate</b>	1	At entrance to Ponderosa	Green painted steel	Double, swing gate	Good	NA						Installed in October 2007

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**FACILITY FEATURES (continued)**

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						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
<b>Gate</b>	1	On main road before Aspen.	Green painted steel	Single swing gate	Good	NA						Installed in September 2006
<b>Valve Boxes and Drain Covers</b>	17	Throughout campground, typically next to faucets.	Green plastic and concrete Christy boxes		Fair to Good							

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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	
<b>Access and CG Loop Roads</b>	Approx. 3,400 feet long. Mostly single lane.	Main access road and Ponderosa Loop Road	Pave (AC)	Good	Y						Overall in good condition. See detailed road survey results for additional information.
<b>Parking Areas</b>	Approx. 19,000 square feet adjacent to roadways	Ponderosa, Lodgepole, and Aspen parking areas	Pave (AC)	Good	Y						Striped and overall in good condition.

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**SIGNAGE**

Type of Sign	Location	Qt.	Materials	Cond.	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
<b>Signage Pertinent to all Gates Group Campground (September 4, 2008)</b>							
Site Identification Sign	At main entrance to Gates Group Campground	1	Painted aluminum (24" x 24") mounted on PTFD post.	Fair	GATES GROUP/ Ponderosa, Lodgepole, Aspen	Sign is bent but readable	
Information	At main entrance to Gates Group Campground	1	Painted aluminum (8" x 16") mounted on PTFD post.	Fair	68-02	Sign is bent but readable	
Informational	On double gate at main entrance to campground	1	Painted aluminum (22" x 31") mounted on gate	Good	GROUP CAMPGROUNDS BY RESERVATION ONLY CALL FORESTHILL RANGER STATION FOR INFORMATION 530 367-2224		
Traffic	On gate at main entrance to campground	2	Painted aluminum (8" x 48") mounted on gate	Fair	Caution sign - yellow and black diagonal striping	Paint is peeling	
Traffic	At exit	1	Painted aluminum (18" x 24") mounted on PTFD post	Good	OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROHIBITED ON PAVED ROADS		
Informational	Throughout campgrounds, adjacent to water valve boxes	6	Brown carsonite markers with white paint	Fair/ Good	WATER LINE		

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<b>Ponderosa (September 4, 2008)</b>							
Traffic	On double gate at entrance to Ponderosa	8	Painted aluminum (8" x 24") mounted on gate	Good	Reflective hazard signs – red and white diagonal striping	New, 4 on each gate	
Site Identification	Adjacent to Gate	1	Painted aluminum (7" x 21") mounted on PTDF post	Good	PONDEROSA	White lettering on brown background	
Regulatory	On same post as above	1	Painted aluminum (12' x 18")	Good	STATE GAME REFUGE – ALL HUNTING- AND POSSESSION OF GUNS PROHIBITED	Black lettering on yellow background	
Information Board	At entrance to Ponderosa	1	Painted MDO plywood board in/on painted wood frame/posts	Good	Various information and regulatory posters	Paint on frame and board is flaking/peeling.	Poster print is too small to see from a distance. Surface in front of board is not level. Route to board is obstructed by trees and barrier rock.

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Type of Sign	Location	Qt.	Materials	Cond.	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
<b>Lodgepole (September 4, 2008)</b>							
Site Identification	At edge of site, next to carsonite water line marker	1	Painted aluminum (7" x 20") mounted on PTDF post	Good	LOGEPOLE	White lettering on brown background	
Regulatory	On same post as above	1	Painted aluminum	Good	STATE GAME REFUGE – ALL HUNTING- AND POSSESSION OF GUNS PROHIBITED	Black lettering on yellow background	
Information Board	At entrance to Ponderosa	1	Painted MDO plywood board (46" x 46") in/on painted wood frame/posts	Good	Various information and regulatory posters	Paint is fading.	Poster print is too small to see from a distance.
<b>Aspen (September 4, 2008)</b>							
Traffic	On single gate at entrance to Aspen	4	Painted aluminum (12" x 36") mounted on gate	Good	Hazard sign – red and white diagonal striping	New	
Site Identification	Entrance to site	1	Painted aluminum (7" x 13") mounted on PTDF post	Good	ASPEN	White lettering on brown background	
Information Board	At entrance to Ponderosa	1	Painted MDO plywood board (48" x 48") in/on painted wood frame/posts	Good	Various information and regulatory posters	Paint is fading.	Poster print is too small to see from a distance.