

**Appendix Q-1**

**Facilities and Features at  
McGuire Beach, Picnic Area, and Associated Parking Areas  
Inventory**

**DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM**

Name of Facility:	<b>McGuire Beach, Picnic Area, and Parking Area</b>
Type of Facility:	Picnic Area, Day Use Facility
Managing Agency:	USDA Forest Service – Tahoe National Forest – American River Ranger District
Date of this Inventory:	July 24, 2008
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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:**

McGuire Beach and Picnic Area is located on the north shore of French Meadows Reservoir, east of McGuire Boat Ramp. The area includes a small beach area, a 10-unit picnic area, and a parking area. Other amenities include two bathrooms with flush toilets and sinks and a faucet with potable water. The site is operated by the Forest Service with funds provided by PCWA under the current FERC license agreement.

**OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:**

<p><b>Condition of Facility:</b> The beach, picnic area, and parking area are generally in poor to fair condition. The beach is manmade and in its current condition consists of a small (12,500 square foot) area of sand that is submerged when the reservoir WSE is high, and too far away from the water when the reservoir is low. The bathroom and changing area located along the trail to the beach are in poor condition and are in need of repair and updating. The other bathroom (located near the parking area) is in fair condition. The picnic area includes 10 units, all of which consist of a heavy wood picnic table and a concrete/steel cooking grill. The picnic tables and grills are in fair to good condition, mainly due to lack of use. The entire picnic area is overgrown with vegetation due to lack of use and poor maintenance. The pathways to some of the picnic units are indistinguishable and several of the picnic sites are difficult to find due to overgrown vegetation. The parking area was formerly paved but the surface has deteriorated to aggregate base rock with remnant patches of asphalt. It is functional for parking purposes but in poor condition relative to its original condition. The access road is in fair condition. It is paved but the pavement is cracking and deteriorating and there are several large potholes that should be repaired.</p>
<p><b>Accessibility Conditions:</b> None of the features at this site meet accessibility standards. The picnic sites are not accessible due to obstacles, encroaching vegetation and insufficient clear space. In addition, none of the picnic tables or grills are accessible. None of the pathways to or through the picnic area are accessible and the pathway (trail) to the beach is not accessible. The parking area is level and relatively free of obstacles, but there are no designated handicap parking areas. Neither of the bathrooms is accessible due to narrow entrance widths and level changes. The water faucet (hydrant) handle is accessible. However, the sump/drain is set above grade so the approach is not accessible.</p>
<p><b>Health and Safety Concerns:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Environmental and Cultural Concerns:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Comments:</b> This facility appears to be oversized for the amount of recreation use it experiences. In addition, it is not being well maintained. Potable 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. This system also serves Gates Group CG, Coyote Group CG, Lewis CG, McGuire Picnic Area, an RV dump station, and a USDA-FS administrative site.</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
<b>Beach</b>	Approx. 12,500 square feet.	On natural bench adjacent to reservoir.	Sand	NA	Fair	NA						This is a man-made beach. Design drawings indicate that this beach was previously much larger. In its current condition, it is about 12,500 square feet. At high water, the beach is submerged. At low water, the beach is too far from the water to function as a water-side day-use area. The beach area is delineated with steel buoys attached to chains, which are beginning to rust.
<b>Faucet</b>	1	Along trail near bathroom.	Upright attached to wood post set in a round corrugated steel sump with drainage rock.	Potable water	Good	N	X	X			X	Handle is accessible but approach is not because sump/drain is set above grade. Faucet area is delineated with natural rock border. Pathway is not accessible due to narrow width, soft substrate, and obstacles (rocks and branches).

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**SITE FEATURES (continued)**

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>	Octagonal building with four sections, each with its own door. Two sections contain a flush toilet and sink. Two sections are empty and are currently used for storage.	Located along trail to beach	Wood on concrete foundation	Flush	Poor	N		X			X	Bathrooms do not meet accessibility standards due to narrow entrance widths, level changes (concrete steps into bathrooms), no handrails. Wood exterior is damaged (large hole in wood paneling) and in need of new paint. Interiors are clean but dingy. Storage areas were locked but may have formerly been changing rooms.
<b>Changing Area</b>	Hexagonal concrete pad attached to bathroom building	Behind bathroom building	Concrete pad	NA	Poor	N		X			X	According to USDA-FS this area was previously surrounded by a vertical screen to facilitate changing. The screen is no longer present so this area does not function as a private changing area. Not disabled accessible due to change in level (high concrete lip).

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<b>Garbage Container</b>	1 (Two-bin)	Adjacent to entrance to beach trail.	Steel	Bear-proof	Good	N					X	Not accessible due to handle design.
<b>Bathroom</b>	1 (Two sections - male and female)	Unknown. Bathroom was locked on day of inventory.	Wood Exterior	Flush	Fair	N	X				X	Not accessible due to narrow entrance width and level changes. The interior is not accessible due to narrow stalls and no handrails. However, this type of bathroom can be retrofitted to meet accessibility standards.
<b>Tables</b>	10	One table at each picnic site	Painted wood	Heavy	Poor to Good	N					X	None of the picnic tables are accessible design. Most are in good condition due to lack of use. However, some are damaged or are set too low. Some are difficult to access and use due to vegetation along pathways and vegetation growing over tables.

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						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope		Other
<b>Grills</b>	10	One grill at each picnic site	Steel grill on concrete base		Poor to Fair	N					X	None of the grills are accessible design. Most are in good condition due to lack of use. However, a few are damaged. In addition, some are difficult to access and use due to encroaching vegetation.
<b>Water Supply</b>	NA	French Meadows North Shore Water System (also referred to as "Dolly Creek Water Supply")	Groundwater well, concrete storage tank, concrete/asbestos distribution line	Potable Water	Good	NA						The source water for the potable water supply at this site is a 575-foot deep groundwater well that feeds water to a 20,000-gallon concrete storage tank. Flow is approximately 11.75 gpm. The distribution line is a 6-inch diameter concrete asbestos pipe.

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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>Pathway (Trail)</b>	Approx. 475 feet long. Width varies from about 3-8 feet.	Connects parking area to beach	Native surface	Poor to Fair	N	X	X	X		X	Trail does not appear to be maintained. Trail is not accessible due to presence of brush, obstacles (rocks), narrow width, and unconsolidated surface material.
<b>Parking Area</b>	Approx. 18,000 square feet, roughly rectangular in shape	Located northwest of picnic area	Aggregate base rock (deteriorated asphalt)	Poor	N	X	X			X	Formerly paved but deteriorated to base rock, with remnant sections of asphalt. Not striped. No designated handicap parking.
<b>Access Road</b>	Approx. 850 feet long by 12-foot wide (single lane)	McGuire Picnic Area and Beach Road As measured from junction of FR 42.2 to parking area entrance.	Paved	Poor to Fair	Y						Pavement is deteriorating and cracking due to sub-grade failures. Large potholes present at various locations along roadway.  See detailed road survey for additional information.

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					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
<b>Gate</b>	1	Located at entrance to access road	Painted (green) steel swing gate with red and white striped hazard signs	Good	NA						Can be locked to prevent travel along access road.
<b>Gate</b>	1	Located along access road, at northeast end of old service road.	Painted (green) steel swing gate with yellow and black striped caution signs	Good	NA						Closed and locked to prevent access to old service road. Paint is flaking.
<b>Gate</b>	1	Located at edge of parking area, between parking area and bathrooms with flush toilet. Southwest end of old service road.	Painted (green) steel swing gate with yellow and black striped caution signs	Fair	NA						Closed and locked to prevent access to bathroom maintenance road. Gate is sagging. Paint is flaking.
<b>Barrier Fence</b>	1	Located at southwest end of parking area	Wood bar on wood posts (2)	Good	NA						Prevents access to abandoned road.

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**SIGNAGE**

Type of Sign	Location	Qt	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Safety	Near entrance to trail entrance to beach	1	Painted aluminum on wood post	Fair	NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK	White lettering on brown background	Lettering is beginning to fade and paint is flaking.
Information Board	Adjacent to beach trail entrance	1	Painted wood board set in wood frame on wood posts	Fair	Contains 8.5" x 11" information bulletins	Wood is deteriorating. Paint is flaking.	Print on bulletins is too small for vision impaired.
Site Identification Sign	Near entrance to McGuire Picnic Area Access Road	1	Painted MDO on wood posts	Good	PICNIC GROUND AND BEACH McGuire	Yellow lettering on brown background	Good contrast. Background paint is flaking.
Safety	On entrance gate	2	Painted aluminum attached to gate.	Good	Red and white hazard striping	Reflective	Paint is flaking.
Safety	On locked gate located along access road	1	Painted aluminum attached to gate.	Good	Yellow and black caution striping	Reflective	Paint is flaking.
Safety	On locked gate located between parking area and bathroom	1	Painted aluminum attached to gate.	Fair	Yellow and black caution striping	Reflective	Paint is flaking. Slightly damaged.
Regulatory	At entrance to parking area	1	Painted aluminum on wood post	Good	DAY USE AREA 6 A.M. – 10 P.M.		