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Big Lakes and Rocky Lake campgrounds to open by end of May

(Palmer, AK) –The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will open Big Lake North, Big Lake South, and Rocky Lake Campgrounds – and will be managing the campgrounds on a first-come, first-served basis. DNR staff is planning to have these areas open by the end of May.

DNR is looking for two campground hosts to assist as volunteers to manage the campgrounds. A paid Alaska Conservation Corps (ACC) position is also available.

These campgrounds have been managed by a concessionaire, not DNR, for more than a decade. DNR staff will be assessing sites over the next few weeks to make necessary repairs to provide access to the campgrounds and boat launches for Alaskans and park visitors.

“We will do our best to open these campgrounds but will need the public to be aware of the changes to the areas, and adjust their plans as needed,” said Stuart Leidner, Superintendent of the Mat-Su Region of Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, within DNR.

For campers in these areas, it is important to know that there may not always be staff on site, and for emergencies, it is crucial to call 911. The first-come, first-served approach is also new, so reserving sites ahead of time is not an option for 2022, and campers should plan accordingly.

If anyone is interested in a campground host or ACC position, the first step is to look at the positions on the website to see if it is a good fit, then go through the application process through the Mat-Su Finger Lake office. For ACC positions:

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/jobs.htm>

For more information on campground host positions:

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/vip/hostlist.htm>

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