



## Lowden Ranch and Reading Creek Channel Rehabilitation Projects to Begin



### Lowden Ranch Area, Hamilton Ponds, and BLM Douglas City Campground Closed

The Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wish to advise all locals and visitors that the Lowden Ranch area, Hamilton Ponds, and BLM Douglas City campground, on Steiner Flat Rd, are closed to the public for the rest of the year as a safety precaution, due to the construction of rehabilitation projects at Lowden Ranch and Reading Creek. There will be no pedestrian, vehicle or river access allowed at these sites during construction. Work is slated to begin this week (July 12) at both rehabilitation project sites.

**Boaters are cautioned to be aware of construction equipment that may be working in the river or crossing between July 15 and September 15, 2010.**

We also advise the public to be careful of heavy equipment along local roads in these areas (Lewiston Rd, Browns Mt. Rd, and Steiner Flat Rd). We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation.

These projects were funded by the American Restoration and Recovery Act (ARRA) to speed recovery of Trinity River salmon and steelhead populations. The projects are built to increase shallow low-velocity areas for salmonid fry rearing and to increase fish habitat complexity in the Trinity River. In-river work will be completed by September 15, 2010 while floodplain construction activities will continue through the fall. These projects are being implemented under direction of the TRRP in cooperation with the BLM, California Department of Water Resources, and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

If you have any questions regarding alternative camping locations or facilities please contact the BLM Redding Field Office at (530) 224-2100. All other questions should be directed to the TRRP at (530) 623-1800 or visit the TRRP office next to the Tops Grocery in Weaverville.

To learn more about the TRRP rehabilitation projects, please visit [www.trrp.net](http://www.trrp.net).