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To: Greg Clifton
Subject: RE: plan to begin opening some Forest Service recreation sites

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Hi Greg, we're looking at beginning a phased opening of our developed recreation sites, starting with some of our concessionaire-operated sites later this month (generally around May 18th-20th), and I wanted to share our tentative plans with you as anything we do could potentially impact the city and our residents.

We're working with our concessionaire, Recreation Resource Management (RRM), to develop a plan to allow them to open some of the rec sites that they operate, and they are in the process of developing safety plans and mitigation measures that we believe will allow them to safely operate some sites.

We're thinking this initial phase would include the following sites, all down Lake Mary Road:

Day use sites

- Upper Lake Mary and the Narrows will open with full services and fee collection. Group Ramadas and all charcoal grills will be closed off as well as the sandy Upper Lake Mary Beach (when the water drops).
- Lower Lake Mary will remain closed as it is almost entirely group ramadas.

Campgrounds

- Pinegrove Campground (showers will be closed)
- Ashurst Lake Campground
- Forked Pine Campground
- Lakeview Campground
- Canyon Vista Campground

These are all single family unit CGs. We don't anticipate opening any group campgrounds in the near future. Here is a map with all of these sites:



In addition to these developed recreation sites, we're also beginning to evaluate special use permit requests this season. These permits run the gamut from a small archery shoot to family reunions of all sizes to 500+ person medieval reenactments. We're planning on approaching these on a case-by-case basis based on current CDC/State/County guidance and may approve events where the applicant can ensure adequate social distancing and sanitation. Obviously, smaller events are more likely to be approved than larger events, but we'll look at each application as they come in.

Let me know if the City has any questions or concerns about what we're thinking. No firm plans yet as we want to make sure we're in alignment with our partners before we move forward, and I or my staff are available to share more information or discuss things with you or your staff at any time.

Hope you're doing well through all this – thanks!



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