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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Finn Rock Boat Landing Temporary Closure until Spring 2024**

FINN ROCK- Ore. – October 11, 2023

Finn Rock Landing is a popular recreation site on the McKenzie River near Blue River, Oregon, attracting as many as 400 people a day in the summer. Owned and managed by McKenzie River Trust (MRT), the boat launch, parking lot, and restrooms will be closed from October 23, 2023 until Spring 2024 for renovations. Improvements to the site will include a better road base, safer traffic flow, and the installation of new parking stalls, ADA-accessible walkways, fencing, bird-friendly lighting, picnic tables, and garbage receptacles.

MRT's Executive Director, Joe Moll, acknowledges the disappointment of the temporary closure. "We understand that this construction closure will be a significant inconvenience for the many river users who launch or take out at Finn Rock throughout the year. But we expect the site improvements to make the landing more accessible, safe, and enjoyable for all community members and visitors."

Long provided by the Rosboro Company as a publicly accessible recreation site managed by the McKenzie River Guides Association, Finn Rock Landing was purchased by McKenzie River Trust in 2016 to ensure that future. In the same transaction, MRT acquired the larger Finn Rock Reach habitat conservation area, which has undergone major restoration efforts over the last three years. With ongoing support from community partners and volunteers, the landing has continued to offer an important space for recreation and connection to the river. Support for these upgrades includes grants from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, EWEB, Lane County, Ford Family Foundation, and the McKenzie Masters, as well as gifts from private individuals.

**About the McKenzie River Trust:**

The McKenzie River Trust is a regional nonprofit land trust with offices in Eugene and Newport OR. Our mission is to help people protect and care for the lands and rivers they cherish in western Oregon. Since 1989, we've acquired property and voluntary conservation easements to protect more than 8,000 acres of clean, free-flowing rivers, plentiful salmon runs, and vibrant farms and forests that provide livelihoods and habitat. We envision a future in which conservation lands are at the core of community efforts to sustain clean water, abundant fish and wildlife, and diverse natural resource economies in western Oregon. Working with private willing landowners from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, we take on the responsibility of caring for land, water, and people, and ensuring that these resources are available for generations to come. For more information, visit [www.mckenzieriver.org](http://www.mckenzieriver.org).

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