

# News Release



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## Plumas-Eureka State Park Campground Open For Labor Day

PLUMAS COUNTY – Effective immediately Plumas-Eureka State Park campground has been re-opened after the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) determined that flea control treatment had diminished the level of risk of plague transmission.

As a precautionary measure the campground was temporarily closed due to an elevated risk of the plague on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The CDPH conducted testing after the discovery of a plague-positive dead rodent, and continued to monitor the situation with Park Officials until today's clearing.

Plague is a bacterial disease found in wild rodents that can be transmitted to humans through the bite of infected fleas. Plague is naturally occurring in rodents, such as chipmunks and squirrels, in the Sierra Nevada area. However, sometimes when rodent populations are concentrated, the risk can become elevated and a plague outbreak occurs.

Plague outbreaks at Plumas-Eureka State Park have occurred, with a case of human transmission in the 1970's. Additionally, the park campground was closed on CDPH recommendation in the summers of 1992 and 1993, due to an outbreak of plague in campground rodent populations.

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