

Lodgepole Dodgers Snowmobile Club Public Comment

2026 Newberry geothermal Consent To Lease

October 15,2026

Holly Jewkes, Forest Supervisor
Deschutes National Forest
63095 Deschutes Market Road

RE:2026 Newberry Consent to Lease Draft- Project #387325

Dear Supervisor Jewkes,

The Lodgepole Dodgers would like to express the immediate concerns of the Consent to Lease. Our main goal is to voice our concerns about winter recreation impacts due to Project #387325.

The Big Concern is losing access to our winter recreation trails! The club and OSSA manage 155 miles of winter trail. Our Grooming Operation uses Heavy Machinery (SNOWCAT) to Maintain this trail system. We fear that the Consent to lease will further the closure of our trail system.

In 2025 we had a Meeting With Quaise Energy, we lost Grooming access and trail access on TRAIL #2(See Map) during our Prime Winter season. The Consent to Lease for the Quaise Site closed our trail system indefinitely. Discussion of trail re-route was not solidified-funding/responsible party/etc. No Further Solution-Just Closure

In 2024 Mazama Energy Closed Access/Grooming to Trail 80 below Junction #325. No proposed reroute -Just Trail Closure

With that Said , the 12-15 parcels for lease intercept out trails in an Alarming Fashion. Trail(s): 2,121,120,65,64,80, are all DIRECTLY AFFECTED.(SEE MAP). These previous closures in 2024/2025 have the Lodgepole Dodgers Very Concerned that we will lose Access to our Beloved trailsystem.

The La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers Snowmobile Club was officially organized in September 1972. For 54 Years the Club has Maintained these Trails. Our Team is Entirely Local Volunteers who spend countless hours advocating for the Sport of

Snowmobiling. The Intention of this Public Comment is to Make Supervisor Jewkes aware of the Impact these Lease's have on the Local Trail System. Attached are two Maps! OUR Winter recreation map and CONSENT TO LEASE VICINITY map.

Appendix C - Vicinity Map

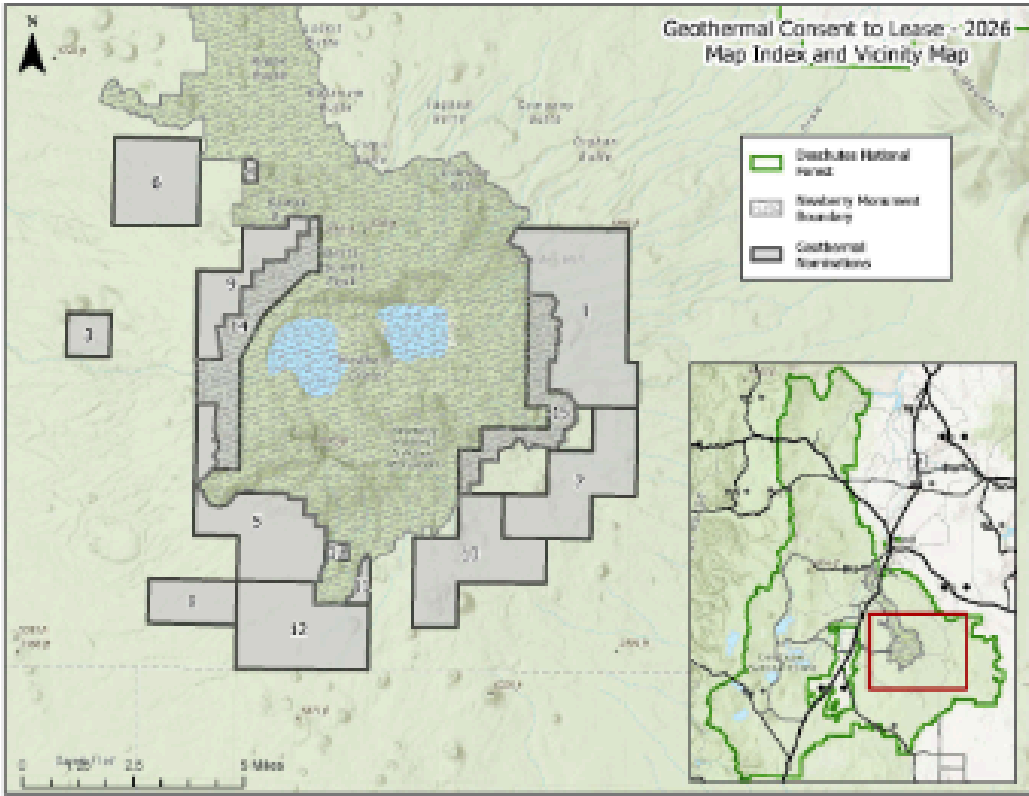
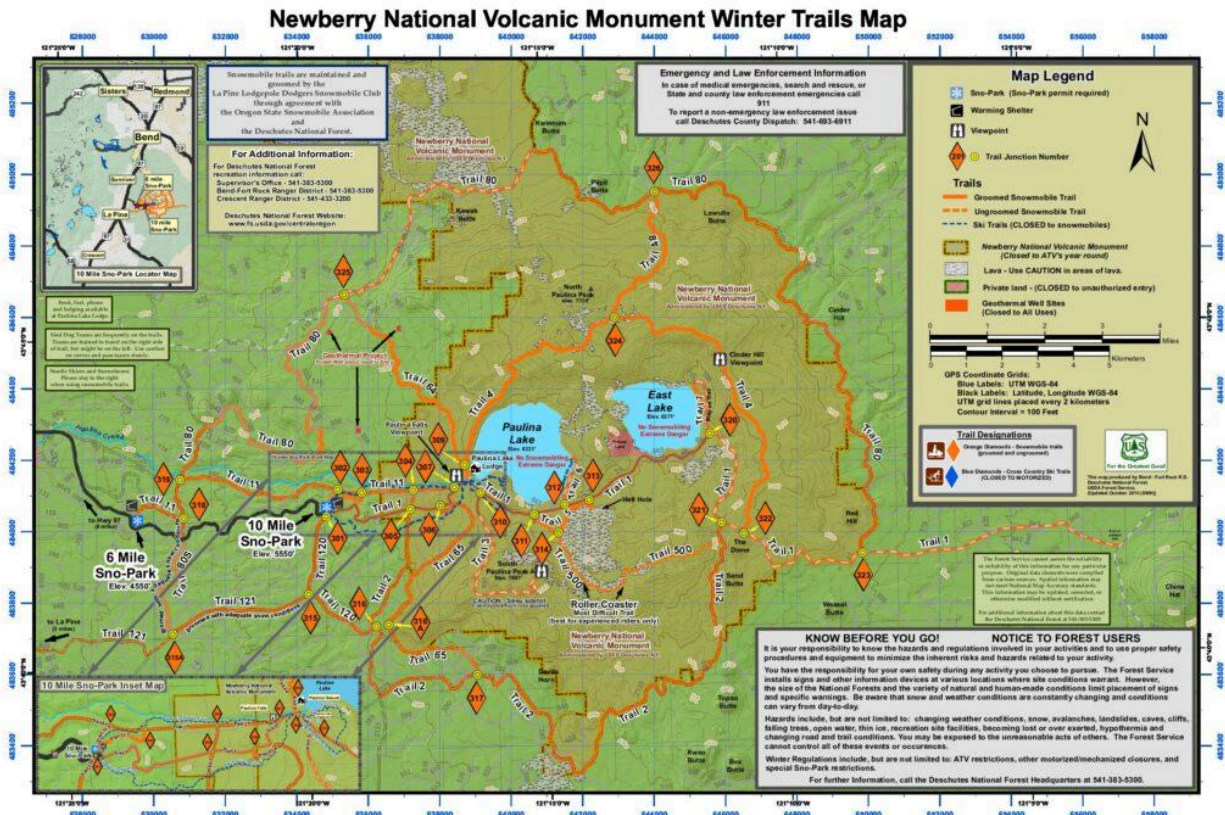


Figure 1. Newberry geothermal consent to lease overview and vicinity map.



The Lodgepole Dodgers would like to Thank you for the opportunity to Express our Concerns. OUR Intentions are to Continue to Maintain,Groom and Ride THE BEST trail system in the state. Furthermore our team is drafting some Trail Reroute Proposals to try to Address the current Closures that we are already Facing

Sincerely,
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 Lodgepole Dodgers
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