



Lakes McClure and McSwain full and ready for 2017

1,500 pounds of trout just planted in McSwain

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Trout have been planted and fireworks are on the way.

At nearby Lakes McClure and McSwain, recreation season is in full swing for the 2017 summer season.

Just in time for Memorial Day weekend, more than 1,500 pounds of trout have been planted in Lake McSwain. Of that, more than 220 pounds are trophy-sized fish of three pounds or more. Just up the hill, Lake McClure is full, with numerous facilities returned to service following the end of the drought.

Fireworks are planned for July 1 at McClure Point, on Lake McClure, to celebrate American Independence.

“We’re excited and our visitors are excited,” said MID Parks Director Bret Theodozio. “2017 is promising to be a big year.”

The Barrett Cove Marina has been returned to its location at the northwest side of Lake McClure after it was relocated during the drought. Both the café and convenience store are again open. Additionally, the marina has been re-fitted with a new fuel system, and a new breakwater has been installed.

At the same time, the Barrett Cove day-use swim area has re-opened this year, providing beachfront access to shallow swim areas with picnic tables and playground equipment.

Additional facilities open at Lake McClure include two boat ramps at McClure Point, Exchequer Bike Park for mountain biking, and the boat launch at the Bagby Recreation Area.

In recent weeks, anglers at Lake McClure have had a chance to win some big cash prizes as part of the first-ever Spring Derby on Lake McClure. The largest fish caught weighed 3 pounds and 4 ounces. Many large fish remain in McClure from the April 29 derby. For more click [here](#). At the same time, four of five Gold Tagged Trout remain at Lake McClure and each is worth \$500; for complete rules and info, please click [here](#).

“Everyone is ready to get back to the lakes this year after California’s epic drought,” said MID’s Theodozio. “We are looking forward to accommodating our visitors and we’re off to a great start.”

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