



Bowery Creek Campground

Fishlake National Forest

Sevier County, Utah



Project Description

Update this popular 57-site campground in the Fish Lake Basin to accommodate modern vehicles and improve site furnishings.

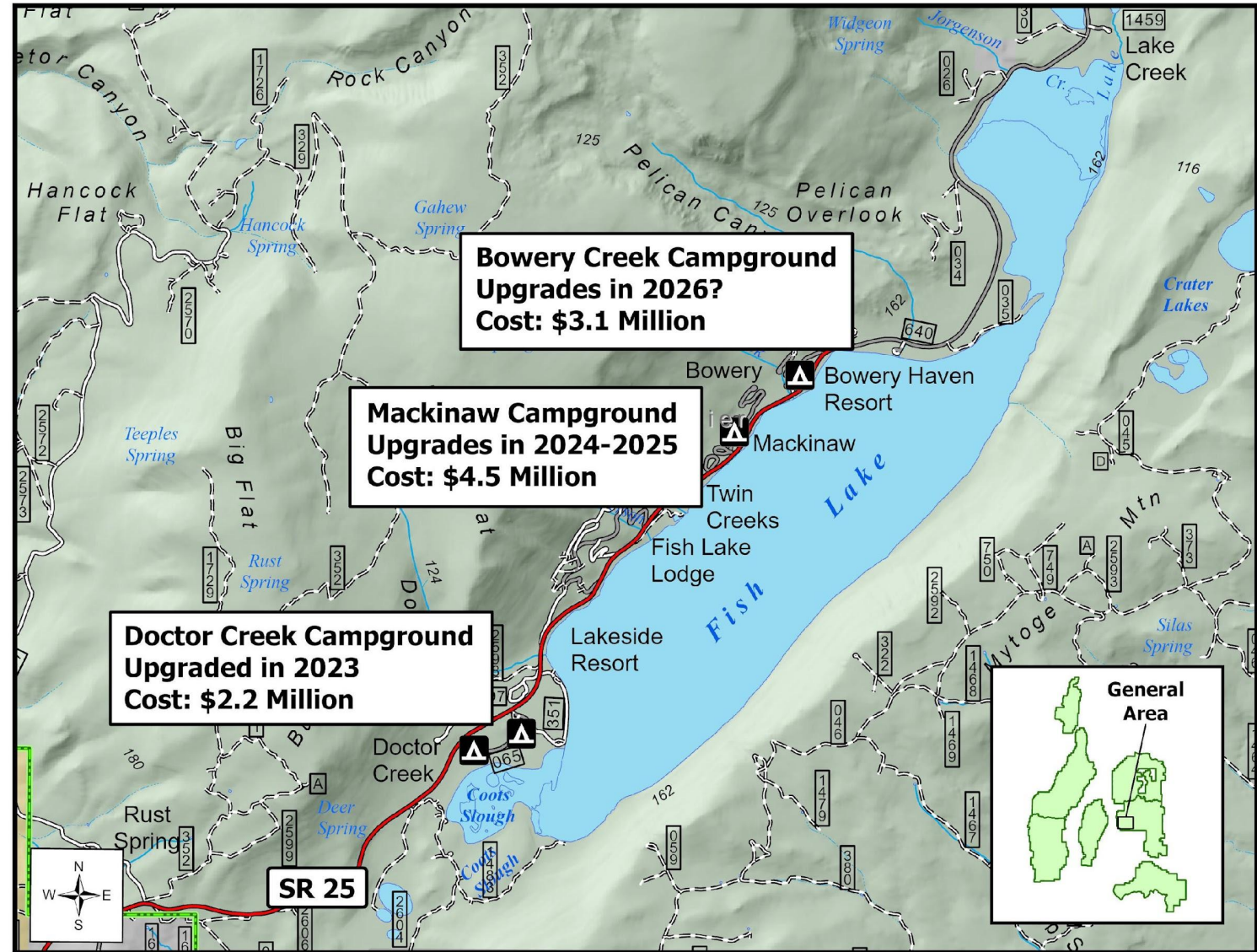


Why?

1. Over 288,000 people visit the Fish Lake Basin annually (2018 data).
2. Bowery Creek Campground is over 60 years old.
3. Asphalt roads are in disrepair.
4. Campsites need updated furnishings.
5. Parking spurs don't accommodate modern RVs and trailers.



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Project Planning & Timeline

What's Been Done

- The Forest Service commenced an environmental analysis in 2023, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.
- A cultural inventory of the campground has been conducted. Consultation with SHPO and tribes is underway and expected to be completed this year.

What Still Needs to Be Completed

- Engineered plans, specifications, and contract package (2024-2025) will be completed by Forest Service engineers.
- Construction (2026-2027).

Community Input & Stakeholder Contributions

Community Input

- Partners that have expressed support include Sevier County, Fish Lake Resorts, High Country Recreation, and Bowery Haven Resort.
- Public scoping is underway. To date, three comments have been received and are being considered.

Stakeholder Contributions

Multiple partners have recently made significant financial investments to support recreation in the Fish Lake Basin, including:

- Utah DNR has recently expanded all three marinas at Fish Lake.
- Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, American Conservation Experience (ACE), and the Forest Service have partnered to maintain and repair the Lakeshore National Recreation Trail in recent years.
- Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, Sevier County, and the Forest Service partnered to construct a boardwalk at the Twin Creeks Day Use Area in 2019.
- Utah DNR plans to construct a large fishing pier in Fish Lake near Bowery Creek Campground.
- The Forest Service is investing \$6.7 million to update and modernize the Doctor Creek and Mackinaw Campgrounds and construct a new RV dump station with Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) funding.
- The Forest Service is conducting an environmental analysis at its expense.
- The Forest Service will prepare engineered plans, specifications, and contract package documents at its expense once project funding is secured.

Requested Support

This proposal requests **\$3.1 million** in funding for a construction contract to update and modernize the Bowery Creek Campground. The Forest Service will provide contract administration and oversight.