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# News Release

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## **Mount St. Helens Roads and Facilities to Open for the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1980 Eruption**

The absence of a spring snowpack has enabled Gifford Pinchot National Forest officials to access road systems and complete needed maintenance in time to re-open roads and facilities for the upcoming anniversary of the 1980 eruption.

### **Forest Road 99 and the Windy Ridge Viewpoint–**

- Forest Roads 99 and 26 will open on Friday, May 15.
- Special 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary interpretive talks will be offered in the Windy Ridge Amphitheater at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on May 16, 17 and 18 and also on May 23, 24 and 25 for Labor Day weekend.
- Regular seven day per week interpretive programs at Windy Ridge and along Forest Road 99 will begin on June 27.
- The grand opening of the new Cascade Peaks Information Station is scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

### **Ape Cave Lantern Rentals and Interpretive Services –**

- Starting May 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Ape's Headquarters** will be open weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Seven day per week operations at Ape's Headquarters will begin June 27.

**Forest Roads 81 and 83 are open for the season.**

**Forest Road 81-830 to Climber's Bivouac is open for the season.**

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