

## **Announcement**

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## BLM announces final decision for Coal Creek Campground environmental assessment

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** – Today, the Bureau of Land Management announced it has approved the Coal Creek Campground environmental assessment. The assessment aims to enhance recreational opportunities while preserving Iron County, Utah's natural beauty and resources.

The Coal Creek Campground will be located approximately five miles east of Cedar City along Highway 14, within public lands managed by the Cedar City Field Office. This new facility will encompass approximately 55 acres and offers amenities such as picnic sites, group areas, trailheads, vault toilets, kiosks, fire rings, grills, picnic tables, walking paths, bridges, pavilions, and perimeter fencing. The goal is to provide visitors with a well-rounded outdoor experience that balances recreational access with conserving the area's unique environmental qualities.

The Coal Creek Campground environmental assessment also includes an overnight camping restriction for BLM-managed public lands east of Cedar City, from Shurtz Canyon Road to a half-mile north of Fiddlers Canyon. This restriction applies to approximately 12,600 acres and aims to lower wildfire risks, deter illegal dumping near waterways, and lessen the effects of human waste. Other recreational activities in the area will not be affected. The closure will become effective upon future publication in the *Federal Register*.

The related environmental assessment, decision record, and Finding of No Significant Impact are available on the <u>BLM ePlanning site</u>. For more information on the Coal Creek Campground project, please call the <u>Cedar City Field Office</u> at 435-865-3000.

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