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NATURE OF STORY: Boater Advisory: Obstruction on the McKenzie River

LOCATION: McKenzie River, approximately 300 feet downstream from the Forest Glen Boat Ramp, Blue River

DETAILS:

Lane County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol wants to warn boaters of an obstruction on the McKenzie River. Marine deputies discovered a large alder tree in the water approximately 300 feet downstream from the Forest Glen Boat Ramp. The tree spans almost the entire width of the river, creating a hazard for boaters.

Boaters are asked to avoid the area. The river may currently be passable if boaters stay extreme river left, however, this could change without warning. The main channel flows over the tree (and may appear passable) but will take boaters directly into two other trees downstream. Boaters in the area are advised to scout the section of the hazard for real time conditions if they plan to float the area of the hazard.

Marine Patrol deputies are out posting informational signs at the Forest Glen Boat Ramp and additional boat ramps upriver from the obstruction, and the obstruction has been placed on the Oregon State Marine Board’s “Reported Obstructions Alerts” page.

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