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Caples Lake Boat Launch Facility Forest Service and EID Host Official Opening

Placerville, CA . . . El Dorado Irrigation District and Eldorado National Forest are hosting the official opening and dedication of the new Caples Lake boat launch on Friday, July 23, 2010, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend the event, which will take place at the launch site on the northeastern side of Caples Lake in Alpine County off State Highway Route 88.

The ceremony will include speakers from the U. S. Forest Service, California Department of Boating and Waterways, Alpine County Board of Supervisors, and EID Board of Directors.

“This project has been in the making since 2002,” said Ramiro Villalvazo, Supervisor of Eldorado National Forest. “We are very pleased to have it completed and now open during 2010, the centennial celebration year for the Forest.”

During their June 28 meeting, EID Board members praised District staff, the Forest Service, and the Department of Boating and Waterways for their collaborative efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

The launch—located on National Forest System land—is required under the District’s federal license to operate the El Dorado Project (Project 184), which delivers water from high Sierra lakes, including Caples Lake, for EID customers and generates hydroelectric power.

The new facility offers day-use recreation opportunities and accommodates kayaks, canoes, and fishing boats. Visit the District’s website at www.eid.org and click on “Recreation” for operating hours and information about fees, including the season boating pass that is good for use at Caples, Silver, and Jenkinson lakes.

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