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Rec areas to see development this summer

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With summer just around the corner, I have received a number of questions about the amazing recreation and tourism opportunities in Woodlands County and if any new developments will be taking shape this year. The answer is *yes*.

I am pleased to announce that a tubing departure site, located just off of West Mountain Road toward the cut banks, is scheduled for development. The location will provide tubers with access to parking and a picnic area, while at the same time decreasing the amount of property trespassing that has been linked to tubing activity in the past. The development will be finished just in time for tubing season and will coordinate with the tubing pickup site located in Whitecourt.



Other exciting enhancements will be implemented at our beautiful day-use areas at Goose and Schuman Lakes, the Mouth of the Freeman River and Groat Creek. New picnic tables and fire rings will be set-up soon at all locations, and Schuman Lake will see the addition of a new dock, perfect for Rainbow Trout fishing. Expansion preparation is also set to begin at Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park this summer and into 2010.

In addition to questions relating to new developments, I have also received numerous requests regarding the location of quadding trails in Woodlands. Quadders are encouraged to visit the Timeu Off-Highway Vehicle Area near Fort Assiniboine, which is a designated OHV area containing diverse terrain over sandhills and intermittent wetlands. In the Whitecourt region, great quadding can be found in the Windfall area. The Windfall turnoff is located approximately 24 km northwest of Whitecourt on Highway 43.

For more information about recreation and tourism in Woodlands County, or any other County matters, feel free to call me at 780.778.8400, email me at jim.rennie@woodlands.ab.ca, visit www.woodlands.ab.ca or follow me on Twitter: www.twitter.com/jimrenniewc.