Officials on the Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest & Grasslands will open recreation sites and increase public access beginning May 21, 2020. While no fee restrictions are in place, all dispersed campers are asked to please use a prescribed campsite to help maintain a safe and prevent human-caused wildfires. Additionally, visitors to the Bessey Ranger District must be aware that the Thedford Public Schools and Thedford Rest Home will remain closed to walk-in traffic, you may call 308-252-5722. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for hygiene and set-up appointments.

For Nebraska developed campgrounds, the following new fees will be in place:

- **Your own handwashing:** Visitors are asked to please bring hand sanitizer and a good source of water. Incinerators will be turned off and fire rings need to be used for cooking. Bring your own water and we suggest making use of a fire extinguisher.
- **Your own safety:** Please bring your own masks and be prepared to wear them up to June 1, 2020. Please continue to practice social distancing, avoid gatherings, and be aware of others, and avoid gathering in large groups.
- **Proper cleansing of facilities:** Visitors are asked to please use a prescribed campsite to help maintain cleanliness of facilities. Please wash all picnic tables and other equipment. Please empty all tents and other structures. Please follow the latest health guidance, stay at least six feet from others, and avoid gathering in large groups.
- **Protecting public health:** Forest Service is asking visitors to recreate locally and responsibly. In addition, forest staff are working to be done – ensure public health and safety. Forest Service, services will still be unavailable. Prepare to pack out trash and human waste.
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- **Custer County Thedford Site:** The Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands will provide COVID-19 testing at the Custer County Thedford Site. Some of the team members tested people at the Pioneer Memorial Rest Home at Mullen. Governor Pete Ricketts recently unveiled TestNebraska.com and shared details about how the state will be ramping up testing in coming days and weeks.
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