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For Immediate Release

The Beach Lake Conservation Area (BLCA) has been partially opened since April 2021 to help protect the restoring Elwha ecosystem and respect the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT) during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Beach Lake Conservation Area will reopen for daily public use 1 August 2021. Public access areas include \*only\* the parking area, designated path, and shoreline areas of the CWI property. The BLCA does NOT include, or convey access to, adjacent land including Tribal property and the Elwha River mouth. The BLCA/LEKT boundary is clearly marked to the west.

Beach Lake Conservation Area is part of a critical restoring Elwha nearshore ecosystem-NOT A PARK. CWI, the LEKT, and management partners continue to develop an ecosystem management plan for the area, including public access. \*DO YOUR PART\* so we can keep the site open and avoid further closures. Please respect the site, the Tribe, neighbors and the ecosystem by closely following site rules, which are posted onsite and below.  Please encourage others do the same.

For more information on the Elwha nearshore ecosystem conservation and restoration go to: [www.coastalwatershedinsitute.org](http://www.coastalwatershedinsitute.org). For information in the Beach Lake Conservation Area, go to <https://coastalwatershedinstitute.org/beach-lake-site/>.