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(S.D.)-Black Hills Lakes To Be Renovated



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - The U.S. Forest Service is planning to renovate three western South Dakota lakes that have been degraded by silt contamination.

Horse Thief, Bismarck and Lakota lakes were built decades ago to enhance the travel and recreation experience along the 69-mile Peter Norbeck National Scenic Byway, which runs through Custer State Park and past Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Silt contamination through the years has diminished the water quality in the lakes and led to thick weed growth. The project to clean them up is being paid for with \$840,000 from the federal government and \$150,000 from the state.

The work is to be done over the next two winters. The lakes then will be restocked with fish, mostly rainbow trout.

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