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Hazelton Boat Ramp, camping improvements

Improvements at the Hazelton Boat Ramp and campground are in the works, and contracts are being awarded, according to John Bartel of Pierre, Operations Manager for the Oahe Project.

Bartel said the contract for electrical work at the campground (outlets for campers) will be awarded soon, and the contract for playground equipment will also be awarded in the next few weeks.

The regulatory process for the boat ramp parking lot expansion project has been

completed, and concrete pipe for the expansion is being purchased. Work is expected to be completed next summer.

Dirt fill will be removed from an adjoining hill and used to connect the parking lot to the campground.

Bartel said equipment has been rented that will be used to do some dredging to provide better access to the river from the boat ramp. He said he is hopeful that the current rise in water in Lake Oahe will help move sediment that is hampering boaters. He noted that the lake is 10 feet higher than this time last year.