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Las Tusas Recreational Area at Bluewater Lake State Park to Reopen

Thoreau, NM – The Las Tusas Recreational Area at Bluewater Lake State Park will reopen Thursday, July 3, at 8:00 a.m. after an extended off-season closure.

“Visitors will be able to enjoy this area with its shoreline access for day use and primitive camping for the upcoming Independence Day holiday,” said State Parks Director Tommy Mutz. “We know access to this area is important to the residents in the Thoreau area and have received many comments regarding the extended seasonal closure. In response to citizen concerns, we have worked diligently to identify and take the necessary steps to reopen this popular recreational area.”

New Mexico State Parks is pursuing additional staff for Bluewater Lake State Park. In addition, State Parks’ management is seeking volunteers to support park efforts across the state and at Bluewater Lake, including establishing a Bluewater Lake State Park Friends Group. Individuals or groups interested in volunteering to support their state parks should contact Darcie Schalip at (505) 476-3391 or darcie.schalip@state.nm.us.

State Parks officials remind visitors to help protect physical, natural and cultural resources in the Las Tusas area.

The Stoneridge Recreation Area located on the north side of Bluewater Lake State Park has remained open providing shoreline access, boat ramps and primitive and developed camping opportunities.

State Park officials remind you to always make safety your number one priority—on land and in the water. Wearing lifejackets saves lives; State Parks offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year.

For more information, visit nmparks.com or call toll free at 1.877.664.7787.

Conditions are right for adventure at New Mexico State Parks!

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