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Eagle Nest Lake State Park Closes Boat Ramp

Eagle Nest, NM – Eagle Nest Lake State Park will close access to its remaining boat ramp effective Saturday, November 1st due to dropping water levels. The closure will prevent property damage during launching and loading of boats; however, the lake remains open to canoeing, kayaking and other paddlecraft use.

“Water levels are less than we hoped for this season and we want to make sure we safeguard boaters from property damage,” said Director Tommy Mutz. “The boat ramp will reopen to motorboats when lake level conditions improve.”

Eagle Nest Lake State Park is located on the Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway in the Moreno Valley east of Taos, and anglers can usually fish year-round. “Fortunately, fishing will still be available from the shoreline and ice fishing season is just around the corner,” said Park Manager Marshall Garcia. “Our hope is that we get some moisture this winter to help restore lake levels for next season.”

State Park officials remind visitors to always wear a lifejacket when out on the water and to be aware of weather conditions. State law requires that you wear a lifejacket when on a canoe, kayak, or raft and that all children 12 years old and younger wear a lifejacket while on the deck of a moving vessel. The State Parks Division offers free boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year.

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