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New Mexico State Parks Announces Fire Restrictions *Fire Restrictions Begin March 8, 2014*

Santa Fe, NM – Due to increasing fire danger throughout the state, New Mexico State Parks will implement restrictions on open fires, charcoal, and smoking on March 8, 2014, within the following state parks: Bottomless Lakes, Brantley Lake, Clayton Lake, Conchas Lake, Oasis and Sumner Lake.

“The region has not had any substantial precipitation lately,” said Director Tommy Mutz. “Low moisture levels have significantly dried out vegetation within the effected parks, making the restrictions necessary for the safety of our visitors.”

OPEN FIRES, CHARCOAL AND SMOKING ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

Campfires and charcoal are prohibited. An exception is granted where cooking, heating and lighting devices use kerosene, white gas or propane as a fuel in an improved camping area that is cleared of flammable vegetation for at least 30 feet, or has a water source.

Smoking is prohibited except in enclosed RV’s or trailers, within vehicles equipped with ashtrays, and on paved or surfaced roads, developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Fireworks are prohibited at all times.

For more information, please call the Park visitor center or go to

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/FireRestrictions.html>

Bottomless Lakes – 575-624-6058; Brantley Lake – 575-457-2384;

Clayton Lake – 575-374-8808; Conchas Lake – 575-868-2270; Oasis – 575-356-5331; Sumner Lake – 575-355-254.

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