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### **New Mexico State Parks Division Enhances Boat Access Roadways** *Expect Construction and Minor Delays*

SANTA FE, NM – State Park officials announce that they will begin to enhance boat access roadways at several state parks over the next few weeks. Certain boat access roadways may be affected by partial closures, causing minor delays, but road crews will work to manage and direct traffic at Elephant Butte, Ute, Clayton, and Navajo Lake State Parks. Contractors will begin and complete the projects in stages and boat access roadways will be opened up to the public as the projects are completed. To ensure public safety, construction crews will provide direction at the project sites during the duration of the projects.

The following is a list of dates that construction will be occurring:

- Elephant Butte Lake - (Ridge, Lakeshore, South Monticello Roads), May 15-17
- Ute Lake - (Logan Park Road), May 21-23
- Clayton Lake - (Main Ramp Road), May 21-23 and May 29-June 7
- Navajo Lake - (Sims Main Ramp Road), June 11-14

Boat access roadway enhancements are just the latest in a number of state park improvements. Each year, boat access roads, boat parking lots, and boat ramps are identified for improvement and enhancement statewide. Boat access projects help enhance access to recreational boating opportunities and address boating facility and maintenance issues.

“We feel it’s important to promote and provide safe, high-quality recreational boat access to boaters in New Mexico,” said Toby Velasquez, Chief of Boating Safety and Law Enforcement. “Improved boat access roadways result in less congestion, while providing safe and convenient access to lakes.”

Boat access projects are funded through Sport Fish Restoration Boat Access Grant funds and state generated boat registration and motorboat fuel funds.

State Park officials remind boaters to always wear a lifejacket when out on the water and to be aware of weather conditions. The New Mexico State Parks Division offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and online throughout the year.

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