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Bottomless Lakes State Park Announces Fire Restrictions

Fire Restrictions to start at 8:00am on Friday, April 26, 2013

Roswell, NM – Due to increasing fire danger, Bottomless Lakes State Park will be implementing restrictions on open fires, charcoal and smoking within the Park. The restrictions will go into effect at **8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013**.

“Continuing high temperatures and low moisture levels have significantly dried out the vegetation in the Park,” said Park Superintendent Joe Kasuboski. “A recent fire on property bordering the Park, and the high winds we have been experiencing, made it clear that we need to protect our visitors and the resources at Bottomless Lakes State Park.”

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.

Bottomless Lakes State Park is located 16 miles east of Roswell via US 380 and NM 409. For more information call the Park visitor center at (575) 624-6058. Information can also be obtained at www.nmparks.com.

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