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Oasis State Park Announces Fire Restrictions *Fire Restrictions to start at 8:00am on Friday, April 26, 2013*

Portales, NM– Due to increasing fire danger, Oasis 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 and surrounding area,” said Park Manager Jim Whary. “Due to the high winds we have been experiencing, as well as the lack of rainfall, it is clear that we need to protect our visitors and the resources at Oasis 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.

Oasis State Park is located 6 miles north of Portales via NM 467. For more information call the Park visitor center at (575) 356-5331. Information can also be obtained at www.nmparks.com.

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