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Morphy Lake State Park Closure *Nearby Coyote Creek State Park Remains Open*

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexico State Parks Division announces that Morphy Lake State Park will close effective 8:00 AM, Monday, June 17, 2013, due to the extreme fire danger. The U.S. Forest Service closed the nearby Pecos/Las Vegas District of the Santa Fe National Forest on June 5, 2013, also to reduce wildfire risks.

“Due to extremely dry conditions, and as there is only one road in and out of the park making it difficult to evacuate, we feel it is best to close the park until conditions improve enough to reopen,” said Coyote Creek/Morphy Lake State Park Manager Christopher Vigil.

Coyote Creek State Park, however, remains open and is only a 45-minute drive from Morphy Lake State Park, just 17 miles north of the town of Mora. Coyote Creek offers day use areas and campsites, restrooms, including a comfort station with showers, and an RV sewer dump station. Popular activities at Coyote Creek include hiking, fishing and wildlife viewing.

Visitors are reminded that all New Mexico State Parks are under statewide fire restrictions, prohibiting campfires and use of charcoal, restricting smoking, but allowing for cooking and heating devices that use propane or white gas.

For more information about fire restrictions in New Mexico State Parks or for the latest park news, please go to www.nmparks.com.

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