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## News Release

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### **Park Officials Extend Closure Of Fenton Lake & Morphy Lake State Parks; Announce Closure of Hyde Memorial State Park**

*The Lodge at Hyde Memorial State Park Will Remain Open For Scheduled Activities*

**Santa Fe--** In collaboration with the announcement of the closure of the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico State Parks Division announces that three state parks will close or remain closed during the duration of the Santa Fe National Forest closure due to extreme fire danger.

- Fenton Lake State Park closed on June 4, 2013, due to safety issues related to helicopters accessing the lake for water to fight the Thompson Ridge Fire in the Santa Fe National Forest. It will remain closed as long as the closure of the Santa Fe National Forest remains in effect.
- Morphy Lake State Park closed June 17, 2013, due to the extreme fire danger after 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. Morphy Lake will remain closed as long as the closure of the Santa Fe National Forest remains in effect.
- Hyde Memorial State Park will close at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with the Santa Fe National Forest closure. However, The Lodge at Hyde Memorial State Park will remain open for all scheduled activities and preexisting reservations.

Visitors are reminded that all other 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](http://www.nmparks.com).

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