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Public Meeting Scheduled for September 4, 2013 to Review Draft Management Plan for Navajo Lake State Park

Navajo Dam, NM – New Mexico State Parks invites citizens to a public meeting to comment on the draft park management plan for the river portion of Navajo Lake State Park. The plan includes a review of existing park resources and proposes improvements for the river area for the next five years.

Copies of the draft plan are available for review at: 1) the Navajo Lake State Park visitor center (located 25 miles east of Bloomfield on NM 511); 2) the State Parks Division regional office at 1002 Rio Brazos, Aztec; or 3) on the State Parks Division website at www.nmparks.com.

The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Center, Room D, 200 W. Arrington, Farmington, NM. Verbal comments on the draft plan will be accepted at the public meeting. Anyone interested in providing written public comments may do so no later than September 9, 2013, by submitting them to: 1) State Parks Division, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505; 2) faxed to 505-476-3361; or 3) e-mailed to nmparks@state.nm.us (Subject: Navajo River Plan).

The plan proposes a variety of improvements to the river portion of the park. Recommendations will include:

- A new visitor area, a volunteer area, and a premier RV campground at Lower Government Camp.
- Expanded tent camping and upgraded utility infrastructure at Cottonwood Campground.
- Development of a dry campground at the Johnson Tract.
- Parking and boat access improvements at Crusher Hole Day Use Area.

To protect park resources and enhance recreational opportunities, each state park is required to have a current park management plan that provides direction for managing and developing the park. The management plan for the lake portion of Navajo Lake State Park was published in December, 2012, and can be viewed on the State Parks Division website noted above, along with the draft plan for the park's river portion.

For more information, call 575-632-2278, 877-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com.

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