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Public Invited to Review Draft Management Plan Nov. 12 for Eagle Nest Lake State Park

EAGLE NEST, N.M. – New Mexico State Parks will host a public meeting and open house from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Eagle Nest Lake State Park Visitor Center to review the park's draft Management Plan. The public is invited to review and comment on the draft plan, which includes a history of the park, a review of park resources and facilities, and an outline of proposed management and facility improvements for the next five years..

"We invite the community to visit with the staff and we welcome input and ideas," said Park Superintendent Marshall Garcia.

This will be the first management plan for Eagle Nest Lake State Park, which was established as a state park in 2004. Several of the proposed improvements include: an expanded trail system; installation of visitor center and wayside exhibits; and further campground improvements.

Each state park is required to have a park management plan that is updated every five years. The objective is to provide direction for the management and development of the park in order to protect park resources and enhance recreational opportunities. Copies of the plan are available for review at the park or at www.nmparks.com. Written and oral comments on the plan will be accepted. Comment letters can be mailed to: P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or faxed to 505-476-3361. The deadline for public comments is Dec. 12, 2009.

Eagle Nest Lake State Park celebrated the grand opening of its 3,770-square-foot visitor center on Sept. 19. The visitor center is part of \$3 million in park improvements completed by New Mexico State Parks since July 2004, when the park was established. Three day-use areas, a 19-site campground, boat ramp work, a group shelter, trails, road improvements and interpretive exhibits have dramatically enhanced visitor facilities and improved the visitor experience at the park.

Eagle Nest Lake State Park is about 32 miles east of Taos and 65 miles southwest of Raton off U.S. 64 in northeastern New Mexico. The 2,400-acre lake is known for its kokanee salmon and rainbow trout fishing. For more information, call 575-377-1594, 877-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com

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