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Public Meeting Scheduled for January 19, 2012 to Review Draft Management Plan for Navajo Lake State Park

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

Copies of the draft plan are available for review at: the Navajo Lake State Park visitor center; the State Parks Division regional office located at 1002 Rio Brazos, Aztec, NM 87410 or and will be posted online at www.nmparks.com.

The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the Bloomfield Multi-cultural Community Center located at: 333 South First Street; Bloomfield, NM 87413. 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 February 13, 2012 by submitting them to the State Parks Division at the following address:

State Parks Division
P.O. Box 1147
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Attention: Navajo Lake Plan

Written public comments may be sent via email to nmparks@state.nm.us or faxed to 505-476-3361. Please include Navajo Lake Plan in the subject line.

The plan proposes a variety of improvements to the park. Recommendations include renovation of the visitor center, the redesign of Cedar Campground to better accommodate RVs, and improvements to the park entrance and exit. Management recommendations include limiting access to some areas to boat or walk-in access only; possible concession operation of Sims Mesa Campground, and an additional marine enforcement officer.

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 to protect park resources and enhance recreational opportunities. The management plan for the portion of the park along the San Juan River will be developed during the Spring of 2012.

[Navajo Lake State Park](#) visitor center is located 25 miles east of Bloomfield, and features seven campgrounds with 244 campsites at Navajo Lake and along the San Juan River. The land is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and is managed by the New Mexico State Parks Division. The park is the second most visited state park, with an average of 500,000 visitors per year.

For more information about Navajo Lake State Park call: 575-632-2278, 877-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com

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