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## **Eagle Nest Lake State Park Opens to Boating**

**EAGLE NEST, NM** – Great news - Eagle Nest Lake State Park is now open to boating. "With the new fishing season upon us, we want to give boaters the opportunity to get back on the water," said Acting Park Manager Mark Sullivan. The courtesy docks will be in place by April 15<sup>th</sup> and are currently unavailable.

Located on the Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway, Eagle Nest Lake State Park is surrounded by the stunning scenery of the high mountains of the Moreno Valley. Anglers are reminded they need to purchase a new fishing license for the 2016-2017 fishing season which began April 1st.

"Visitors must know, however, that lake water temperatures are very cold. Visitors need to take proper precautions to minimize the chances of going into the water and should always wear their lifejackets," Sullivan said.

State Park officials recommend you watch a video to learn steps to take if you fall into cold water. Check it out on YouTube: "Cold Water Boot Camp USA: 1-10-1." To see more effects of cold water immersion, and the benefits of wearing a life jacket, access the Cold Water Boot Camp video at: <a href="http://www.coldwaterbootcampusa.org/videos.shtml">http://www.coldwaterbootcampusa.org/videos.shtml</a>

Learn about safe boating by taking a FREE State approved boating course in class or online. Remember to check your vessel registration to ensure that it is current before you go out on the water.

For more information, visit us at www.nmparks.com or call 1-888-NMPARKS.

Boat Safe and Boat Smart in New Mexico!

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