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## **Eagle Nest Lake State Park Opens Boat Ramp** *Increasing Water Levels Allow Use of Motorboats*

**EAGLE NEST, NM** – Eagle Nest Lake State Park will open access to its south boat ramp effective Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> due to increasing water levels.

“Spring run-off has improved the lake’s water levels and we want to give boaters the opportunity to get back on the water,” said Park Manager Marshall Garcia. “The courtesy docks, however, are still unavailable.”

Eagle Nest Lake State Park is located on the Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway in the Moreno Valley east of Taos. Anglers can usually fish year-round. “Fishing is good and the weather is getting warmer,” said Garcia. “Our hope is that we continue to get flow in so that visitors can continue to enjoy all that the park has to offer.”

State Park officials remind visitors to always wear a lifejacket when out on the water, to be aware of weather conditions, and the effects of cold water immersion. To learn more about cold water immersion, 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.”](#) State law requires that you wear a lifejacket when on a canoe, kayak, or raft and that all children 12 years old and younger wear a lifejacket while on the deck of a moving vessel.

The State Parks Division offers free boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year. For more park information, call the park at (575) 377-1594, call 888-NMPARKS or visit [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com)

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