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Areas at El Vado Lake and Heron Lake State Parks to Reopen

Chama, NM – Several recreation areas within El Vado Lake and Heron Lake State Parks will reopen Thursday, July 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. after extended off-season closures.

At El Vado Lake State Park, the Peninsula, Sands Cove and South Point Areas will reopen. The North El Vado Boat Ramp remains closed due to low water levels at the north end of El Vado Lake. At Heron Lake, the Rincon and Little Oso Areas will reopen.

All of these areas offer day use and camping opportunities. However, please know most of these areas are some distance from the shoreline due to low water levels, and driving off established roads is prohibited in New Mexico State Parks.

“Visitors will be able to enjoy these areas for day use and primitive camping just in time for the Independence Day Holiday Weekend,” said Park Superintendent Anthony Marquez. “Find your spot tucked in the pine trees.”

State Park officials remind visitors to help protect physical, natural and cultural resources in state parks. Although there are currently no fire restrictions at El Vado Lake and Heron Lake State Parks, visitors are urged to use caution and act responsibly with fire. Fireworks are prohibited in New Mexico State Parks.

State Park officials remind you to always make safety your number one priority--on land and in the water. Wearing lifejackets saves lives; State Parks offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year.

For more information, visit nmparks.com or call toll free at 1.877.667.2757.

Conditions are tight for adventure at New Mexico State Parks

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