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Public Meeting Scheduled for Hyde Memorial State Park Hazardous Fuels Reduction Plan

Santa Fe, NM – A public meeting to review the draft Hazardous Fuels Reduction Plan for Hyde Memorial State Park is scheduled for February 24, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in Porter Hall at the Wendell Chino Building in Santa Fe, NM.

Copies of the draft plan are available for review at:

- 1) The Hyde Memorial State Park ranger station (located within the park, uphill from the historic lodge) or
- 2) on the State Parks Division website at www.nmparks.com.

The New Mexico State Parks Division and State Forestry Division invite citizens to provide comment. 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 March 13, 2015 by submitting them attention to David Certain at:

- 1) New Mexico State Parks Division, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505;
- 2) faxed to 505-476-3361; or
- 3) e-mailed to nmparks@state.nm.us (Subject: Hyde Memorial Fuels Plan).

The public meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24th, 2015, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Wendell Chino Building, located at 1220 S. St. Francis, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

The plan proposes a variety of steps to reduce the hazardous fuel load that has built up in the forest and threatens park resources in the event of a wildfire. The current plan is to thin trees on 80 acres of park forest. Trees selected for removal will be based on their position in the canopy, vigor, diameter, and external or internal defects. Tree thinning will also result in improved habitat conditions for forest wildlife.

For more information, call 505-476-3386, 877-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com

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