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Restoration Efforts, Improvements and Upgrades to Leasburg Dam State Park Continue through March 31st

Construction will result in extending the River Day-Use Area closure through Friday, March 31st

Radium Springs, NM –The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) continues improvements, restoration efforts and upgrades within Leasburg Dam State Park's River Day Use Area. No access will be allowed in the entire Day Use Area through March 31st until projects are completed.

Restoration efforts include sediment removal and river bank stabilization, as well as native vegetation restoration projects. Improvements to Leasburg Dam State Park also include: a new river access and ramp area for canoes and kayaks, three walk-in access structures to the Rio Grande for swimmers and waders and more trees have been planted for shade and bird habitat. These improvements will be beneficial for wildlife and our visitors.

"Both NM State Parks and the BOR's number one concern is the safety of our park visitors", said Christy Tafoya, Director of State Parks. She added: "We ask that visitors avoid the construction in River Day-Use area until April 1st. At that time, we will invite you to come out and enjoy the Leasburg Dam State Park River Day Use Area with all of its new amenities!"

For information on upcoming activities at Leasburg Dam State Park; log on to the events calendar on www.nmparks.com or call 575-524-4068.



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