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## New Mexico State Parks and State Forestry Forest Health Project at Manzano Mountains State Park

**Santa Fe, NM** – New Mexico State Parks in partnership with New Mexico State Forestry and the Claunch-Pinto Soil & Water Conservation District is initiating a forest health project at Manzano Mountains State Park beginning September 15, 2014. The project area encompasses 19 acres of pine and juniper woodland in the far northwest corner of the park.

“Removing some of the trees in the park benefits the health and productivity of the forest,” said State Forestry Timber Management Officer George Smithson. “Thinning has the added benefit of reducing the risk of a devastating wildfire occurring in the treated portion of the forest. This is especially important given the popularity of the park and its proximity to private homes.”

“We are very happy to collaborate with State Forestry on this important resource protection project,” said State Park Director Tommy Mutz.

Firewood generated by the project will be donated to the Claunch-Pinto Soil & Water Conservation District for sale to local land grant members with a firewood permit. Members of the Manzano, Torreon, Tajique or Chilili land grants interested in purchasing a permit should contact Dierdre Tarr at (505) 847-2243 ext. 3. Revenue from the sale of the firewood will be used by the conservation district to implement a conservation project in the park.

Park visitors should be aware that crews will be cutting trees with chainsaws Monday-Thursday from approximately 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for several weeks until the work is complete. Some noise and activity will be associated with this work.

For more information, please visit [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com) or call Manzano Mountains State Park at 505-847-2820.

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