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State Parks and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to Host Open House at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

Mesilla, NM – New Mexico State Parks and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish are hosting an open house at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park on October 10, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. to discuss the potential transfer of the park to Game and Fish. This transfer is being considered to provide additional services to the public and better utilize state resources.

If a transfer to Game and Fish occurs, the Mesilla Valley Bosque property will remain open to the public. Unlike State Parks, Game and Fish will not charge fees for visitors. Game and Fish will continue to provide natural resource and outdoor educational programs. Hunting will not occur within the property.

“A transfer of this property could be a tremendous benefit to everyone, including the wildlife that inhabits this area” said Game and Fish Director, Alexandra Sandoval. “Strategically, it fits within the Game Commission’s plan for all of our regional offices. In addition to providing a site for eleven staff members, acquiring this property will give us an outdoor classroom for outdoor education and outreach programs.”

“State Parks has been honored to manage this property for the past nine years,” said State Parks Director, Christy Tafoya. “Such a move would provide more funding, resources, staffing and programming to the Mesilla Valley Bosque.”

The open house will provide a forum to answer questions and showcase some of the benefits this transfer can offer.

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park is located at 5000 Calle del Norte, Mesilla, NM. Contact the park at 575-523-4398.

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