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New Mexico State Parks Receives Recreational Trails Program Achievement Award

Santa Fe, NM – The New Mexico State Parks Division will be honored with a Recreational Trails Program Achievement Award for their Navajo Lake State Park BOR Trail Rehabilitation Project from the Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) in the category of Environment and Wildlife Compatibility on June 11, 2014, in Washington D.C.

“We are honored to receive this award,” said State Parks Director Tommy Mutz. “Our team works hard to enhance our trails and this winning project validates our efforts.”

The Navajo Lake State Park BOR Trail Rehabilitation Project supported designing and reconstructing the eroded trail at Navajo Lake State Park that descends steeply down a north-facing slope. Under the leadership of the State Parks Division, more than 2000 modular retaining wall blocks and 43 pre-formed concrete steps were installed by hand to improve overall safety and sustainability of the trail. The trail was kept open during construction to accommodate outdoor enthusiasts.



Eroded trail posed safety concerns and side slope stabilization issues.



Reconstructed trail.

Project funding for the Navajo Lake State Park BOR Trail Rehabilitation Project was awarded in 2011 with \$61,590 in federal funds and \$15,422 in state in kind match.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails, as part of an ongoing effort to build awareness and appreciation of the successful Recreational Trails Program, sponsors the Annual Achievement Awards and outstanding projects funded by the RTP are honored at the awards ceremony on Capitol Hill in June during the annual celebration for the American Recreation Coalition's Great Outdoors Month.

For more about state park trails, visit <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/TrailsatStateParks.html>
To learn about state park summer events, visit www.nmparks.com or call 1-888-NMPARKS.

Conditions are right for Adventure at New Mexico State Parks!



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