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Conchas Lake State Park ***Re-opening Cove and Central Areas for Camping, Day Use and Boating on July 4th***

Santa Fe, NM – State Parks officials announced that Conchas Lake State Park will re-open closed areas effective 8:00 a.m., Thursday, July 4, 2013. Areas that will be re-opened include: the Central Area for camping and day use, the Cove Area for camping and the boat ramp.

Recent significant rains have brought the lake elevation up enough to make the Cove Area boat ramp useable and have allowed State Parks to re-open the Cove and Central Areas to camping and day use.

The State Parks Division reduced park operations at Conchas Lake State Park on June 6, 2013 due to drought related impacts. The Cove Area was re-opened for day use activities on Saturday, June 29, 2013 in response to public comment received during the Town Hall Meeting held on June 17, 2013 at Conchas Dam.

Boaters are reminded to practice these simple steps that can save your life as well as the lives of the people boating with or around you:

- Get a vessel safety check
- File a float plan
- Designate a sober operator
- Wear a lifejacket
- Be aware of the weather
- Take a FREE boating safety course

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