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Extended Stay Limit at Brantley Lake State Park

Brantley Lake, NM – Until October 15, 2013, the New Mexico State Parks Division is extending the stay limit at Brantley Lake State Park to 30 days to accommodate campers displaced by recent area flooding.

“New Mexico State Parks is pleased to offer an extended stay to folks evacuated from local areas like the nearby community of Lakewood, New Mexico,” said Director Tommy Mutz. “This will allow residents to stay close by until their homes are livable again.”

Dozens of people, including many residents of The S K P Ranch Campground, were evacuated from the community of Lakewood, NM, on September 12, 2013 as rising flood waters covered approximately ¼ mile of Lakewood Road, and threatened to strand residents. Many of the evacuees are full-time RVers who packed up camp and relocated to Brantley Lake State Park a few miles away.

The normal stay limit at New Mexico State Parks is 14 calendar days out of any 20 calendar day period.

Brantley Lake still remains temporarily closed to boating and swimming due to debris in lake. Main Area (east side) developed areas are open. Eastside primitive areas temporarily close due to muddy road conditions. Seven Rivers Day Use Area (west side) closed for the season as of September 15.

The latest information on temporary closures and advisories can be found at www.nmparks.com.

Park fees still apply. For more information contact Brantley Lake State Park at 575-457-2384.

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