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BLUEWATER LAKE STATE PARK CLOSED TEMPORARILY TO BOATING DUE TO WINTER CONDITIONS

Prewitt, NM – Bluewater Lake is temporarily closed to boating and ice-fishing due to recent weather conditions that have produced unsafe lake conditions for boating and ice fishing activities. Although boat ramp access is closed, camping is available at the park.

A thin and unsafe layer of ice has formed over the outer portions of the lake, but much of the lake still has open water. These unsafe water conditions prohibit safe boating or safe ice fishing activities at this time. It is anticipated that ice conditions should improve soon. Until then, fishing is still allowed from the bank in open water.

Visitors must know, however, that lake water temperatures are very cold. Visitors need to take proper precautions to minimize the chances of going into the water.

State Park officials recommend the following YouTube video to learn steps to take if you fall into cold water: "Cold Water Boot Camp USA: 1-10-1." To see more effects of cold water immersion, and the benefits of wearing a life jacket, access the Cold Water Boot Camp video at: <http://www.coldwaterbootcampusa.org/videos.shtml>

Learn about safe boating by taking a FREE State approved boating course in class or on-line. Please call the park office at 505-876-2391 for fishing and lake conditions throughout the year; or visit the park's webpage at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/bluewaterlakestatepark.html>.

For more information on all New Mexico State Parks, please visit our website at www.nmparks.com.

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