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Upcoming River Enhancements of San Juan River at Navajo Lake State Park

Expect temporary closures of day-use areas

FARMINGTON, NM – The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will begin a river enhancement project on December 15 on the San Juan River at Navajo Lake State Park from Simon Point Day-Use Area downriver to the Crusher Hole Day-Use Area. Temporary closures of multiple day-use areas are expected until April 2018.

The project will include a new boat takeout at Crusher Hole Day-Use Area. The Crusher Hole area will be closed to the public from December 15, 2017, through March 1, 2018. There will be no access to the boat takeout at Crusher Hole while the new takeout is constructed.

Bolack Day-Use Area will be closed from December 15, 2017, through April 15, 2018. County Road 4280 that offers access to the area will also be closed to traffic. However, anglers may access the area at Cottonwood Campground.

A temporary boat takeout will be constructed at the Munoz Day-Use Area. The temporary takeout will provide public access to the upper portions of the river.

For the safety of all visitors to the park, use of the San Juan River past Simon Point, including portions in and out of the park boundaries, will be closed to boat traffic and wade fishing from December 15, 2017, through March 1, 2018. Limited use of the river will be available from March 1, 2018, through April 15, 2018.

All listed areas will be posted closed and the gates will be locked. For more information, please visit nmparks.com or contact Navajo Lake State Park, (505) 632-2278.

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