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Sumner Lake State Park Closes Boat Ramp

SANTA FE, NM – Sumner Lake State Park will close access to all boat ramps effective Wednesday, August 15th due to dropping water levels, resulting safety concerns, and the inability of park staff to launch a patrol boat in the event of an emergency. Low precipitation and high temperatures has resulted in extremely low water levels at several state park lakes causing boat access ramps to be closed. The Sumner Lake boat ramp will be reopened when lake level conditions improve.

“Our hope is that we get some moisture to help restore lake levels, until that occurs we have no choice other than to close these areas to avoid personal property damage and the inability to respond to water related emergencies,” stated Tommy Mutz, State Parks Division Director.

State parks are great places to find new interests, socialize, and create new memories. Always make safety your first priority, being prepared on the water could save your life and the lives of your loved ones. State law requires that you wear a lifejacket when on a canoe, kayak, or raft and that all children 12 years old and younger wear a lifejacket while on the deck of a moving vessel. The State Parks Division offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year.

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