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El Vado Lake State Park Closes Remaining Boat Ramp *Prohibits Launching and Use of Motorboats Due to Dropping Water Levels*

Los Ojos, NM – El Vado Lake State Park has closed access to the remaining boat ramp and is prohibiting the use of motorized boats due to dropping water levels and safety concerns. The lake is still open for non-motorized vessel use such as canoeing, paddle boards or kayaking. The boat ramp will be reopened to motorboats when lake level conditions improve.

“We want to ensure that our park visitors can enjoy safe lake conditions,” said Park Manager Bernave Sedillo. “Fortunately, fishing is good, and anglers have been successful from the shoreline.”

Located in New Mexico’s northern mountains, El Vado Lake State Park offers fishing, camping, and hiking. A 5.5-mile scenic trail along the Rio Chama connects El Vado with nearby Heron Lake State Park.

State Park officials remind boaters to always wear a lifejacket when out on the water and to be aware of weather conditions. State law requires that you wear a lifejacket when on paddle craft such as a canoe, kayak, or raft. The State Parks Division offers free boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year. For more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com.



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