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Boat ramp reopens at Santa Rosa Lake State Park

Lake levels continue to increase with precipitation from the monsoon

Santa Fe, NM – Due to recent significant rainfall, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources State Parks Division will reopen the boat ramp at Santa Rosa Lake State Park effective today, Monday, August 1.

The boat ramp was closed on June 22 after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released 14,500 acre-feet of water for the Carlsbad Irrigation District, which made lake levels too low for safe boating. Recent thunderstorms have since fully replenished that water, and forecasted precipitation will also continue to contribute to elevating lake levels.

“We’re happy boaters can once again have access to the lake,” said Stefan Conkle, Park Superintendent. “Our goal is to ensure that New Mexicans can get out and fully enjoy their state parks for the remainder of the summer.”

While out on the lake, always make safety your priority. Being prepared on the water could save your life and the lives of your loved ones. Watch for floating debris and be prepared and aware of inclement weather conditions before launching any watercraft on the lake. State law requires that you wear a lifejacket while 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.

While the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the reservoir, the State Parks Division supervises the campgrounds and most recreation areas. For more information, call Santa Rosa Lake State Park at (575) 472-3110 or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (505) 342-3171.

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