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## Eagle Nest Lake Closed to Ice Fishing Deteriorating Ice Conditions Deemed Unsafe

**Santa Fe, NM** – Effective immediately, Eagle Nest Lake is closed to all activities on the lake's surface due to deteriorating ice conditions.

The State Parks Division and the Department of Game and Fish jointly manage the lakes and surroundings. State Parks has the authority to close or restrict access to areas of parks, as well as to restrict, limit or prohibit activities such as ice fishing as conditions require. Such actions are taken in the interest of public safety and resource protection.

"Our visitor's safety is paramount," said Park Superintendent Lee Ferguson. "Due to open water and deteriorating ice conditions, it's critical that we manage for our visitor's safety."

For more information and current updates about the lake's conditions, please contact Eagle Nest Lake State Park, (575) 377-1594. To learn more about fishing in northeastern New Mexico, call the Department of Game and Fish, (575) 445-2311 or visit the Department of Game and Fish or New Mexico State Parks respective websites, <u>www.wildlife.state.nm.us</u> and <u>www.nmparks.com</u>.



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