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New Mexico State Parks Announces Closures and Restrictions Due to Extreme Fire Danger

Santa Fe, NM – Today, officials of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) State Parks Division, announced Pecos Canyon State Park will close until further notice due to extreme fire danger. The ongoing and adjacent Calf Canyon and Hermits Peak Fires have demonstrated the severity of current fire conditions. The fires are currently estimated to have burned more than 145,000 acres combined.

Recently, all of the National Forest System lands, roads, and trails located within the boundaries of the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest were closed. The purpose of this closure is to protect public health and safety due to extreme fire danger in the restricted area.

Officials also announced that all state parks have implemented Stage II Fire Restrictions. The restrictions coincide with State Forester's Fire Restriction Order 2022-01 which placed restrictions on non-municipal, non-federal, and non-tribal lands statewide prohibiting smoking, fireworks, campfires, open burning, and open fires.

Coyote Creek, Morphy Lake, and Storrie Lake State Parks also remain closed until further notice due to extreme fire danger and impacts posed by the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fire. Visitors who have reserved campsites at any of these parks during these closures should contact Reserve America at 1-877-664-7787 for refunds/transfers of pre-paid reservable campsites.

Thirty-two state parks remain open and fees and stay limits have been waived to support evacuees from communities impacted by the wildfires.

For more information on all New Mexico State Parks, please visit our website at www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/ or call 1-888-667-2757. For information on wildfires actively burning in New Mexico log on to the New Mexico Fire Information website at <https://nmfireinfo.com/>.

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