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New Mexico State Parks Announces Changes in Services for Upcoming Fall and Winter Seasons

Santa Fe, NM – Following a long-established practice, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, State Parks Division announces seasonal changes to services within state parks, including changes to operational hours and some comfort stations. The seasonal changes vary by park and begin as soon as September 15th, always [check the website](#) before traveling to a State Park for park-specific operational information.

“As we head into the fall and winter seasons, we see a drop-off in visitation in some state parks and a reduced need for services. With these conditions in mind, we impose some area closures in our state parks,” State Parks Director, Toby Velasquez stated, “Designated campgrounds, comfort stations, and some recreational locations in parks may be closed for winterization through April.”

These are regularly scheduled seasonal closures; no park in the system will be permanently closed.

There are still many park areas open to enjoy and remain popular during the winter season, from City of Rocks to Eagle Nest Lake. Day-use parks, such as the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park or Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park in Carlsbad, remain fully open year-round to visit and enjoy!

For more information on all New Mexico State Parks, please visit our website at www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/.

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