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Pecos Canyon State Park Under Construction Through 2021-2022 Winter Season

Santa Fe, NM – The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department State Parks Division announces closures at Pecos Canyon State Park while renovations are made to the Jamie Koch Pavilion at the Willow Creek Day Use Area.

Renovations began in late September and will continue through May 2022. The structure requires upgrades so that it continues to be a safe and functional place for the public to gather and recreate. Once construction is complete, the use of the pavilion will be similar to what it has been in the past such as for hosting family reunions, celebrations, and educational gatherings. The upgrades will include an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant vault restroom and path to the pavilion.

The renovations are part of the overall capital improvements for Pecos Canyon State Park, which include the Mora Recreation Area, Jamie Koch/Willow Creek Recreation Area, Terrero Recreation Area, Bert Clancy Recreation Area, and the Visitor Center and Park Office which are estimated at \$10 million total. The Jamie Koch Pavilion renovation project is estimated at \$600,000.

“We are excited to begin the process of improving the Pecos Canyon State Park recreational areas for visitors to enjoy and to help support and bolster the local and regional economy, said Toby Velásquez, State Parks Division Director. “Many rural communities rely on a state park as a major source of economic development.”

Visitors are encouraged to be aware of construction activities and use extreme caution near construction equipment. For more details, please contact the park at 505-670-8196

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Jamie Koch Pavilion at Pecos Canyon State Park

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