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Hyde Memorial State Park Under Construction Beginning October 4, 2021

Santa Fe, NM – The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) State Parks Division announces that the main camping loop at Hyde Memorial State Park will be closed for construction beginning Monday, October 4th to complete installation of a solar micro-grid electrical system and will remain closed for the season. The main camping loop will reopen in spring 2022.

The State Parks Division, in partnership with EMNRD's Energy Conservation and Management Division, is constructing an off-grid solar microgrid project at Hyde Memorial State Park that will provide the park with 100 percent of its annual energy electricity needs (85 percent renewable). It is one of the largest microgrid solar projects in a state park in the country. The system includes an 81 KWdc solar PV array located within the park, solar plus battery storage and a back-up propane generator. Hyde Memorial State Park will be the first state park in New Mexico to be self-sustaining using primarily renewable energy resources.

The main campground loop will be closed while construction crews upgrade the main park electrical line and connect it to the solar microgrid. The electric loop and sites on the west side of Highway 475 will remain open.

Visitors are encouraged to be aware of construction activities and use extreme caution near construction equipment. For more details, please contact the park at 505-983-7175.

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

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