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New Mexico State Parks Division Hosts Public Hearing on Rulemaking

SANTA FE, NM – The New Mexico State Parks Division will hold a public hearing on proposed rule amendments on October 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Porter Hall in the Wendell Chino Building, located at 1220 South State Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, State Parks Division is proposing changes to the following rules: 18.17.2 NMAC, Boating Operation and Safety; 18.17.3 NMAC, Construction Visitor Provisions; 19.5.1 NMAC, General Provisions; 19.5.2 NMAC, Park Visitor Provisions; 19.5.3 NMAC, Park Management And Development Plans; 19.5.5 NMAC, Concession Activities; 19.5.6 NMAC, Park Fees; and 19.5.7 NMAC, Filming In State Parks. Proposed changes to 18.17.2 NMAC include, among others, equipment on kayaks, canoes, paddleboards or rubber rafts. Proposed changes to 18.17.3 NMAC include having the State Parks Division collect fees directly for the permitting of community boat docks instead of the Interstate Streams Commission collecting the fees and transferring them to the State Parks Division. Proposed changes to 19.5.1 NMAC include, among others, the addition or amendment of definitions for off-highway motor vehicle, other power driven mobility device, vehicle, and wheelchair. Proposed changes to 19.5.2 NMAC include, among others, use of off-highway motor vehicles and golf cars by those with mobility disabilities, use of firearms and bows, and prohibitions on littering; as well as addition of new rules for, among others, rock collecting, and seaplanes and floatplanes. Proposed changes to 19.5.3 NMAC include the modification of park management and development plans. Proposed changes to 19.5.5 NMAC include, among others, concession contract provisions, outfitters and guides, and special requirements for the San Juan River located in Navajo Lake State Park. Proposed changes to 19.5.6 NMAC include, agreements containing conditions for use of meeting rooms and other facilities such as lodges and visitor centers, and the repeal of the fee for reservations. Proposed changes to 19.5.7 NMAC include activities not requiring a film permit and waiver of fees for individual student non-commercial projects.

Copies of the proposed rule changes are available from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, State Parks Division, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505, on its website, <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/>, or <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/spd/>, or by contacting April Alvarado at 505-476-3360, april.alvarado@state.nm.us.

All interested persons may participate in the hearing, and will be given an opportunity to submit relevant evidence, data, views, and arguments, orally or in writing. Written comments and oral comments will be accepted at the public hearing on October 17, 2012 and written comments will be accepted until October 31, 2012 at 5:00PM by mail or e-mail. Please mail written comments to April Alvarado, EMNRD, State Parks Division, 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or submit them by e-mail to april.alvarado@state.nm.us.

Individuals with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation such as a reader, assistive listening device, licensed Signed Language Interpreter, or any other auxiliary aid may request one by contacting April Alvarado at 505-476-3360 or at april.alvarado@state.nm.us at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Public documents can also be provided in various accessible formats.



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