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Lake Pueblo State Park Renovates North Side Water System

PUEBLO – Lake Pueblo State Park will start work on a major drinking water system renovation on the north side of the park, starting on Jan. 3, 2011. The project, which will improve the park's water quality and delivery system for visitors, will begin in January and continue for several months. The project will involve intermittent road and area closures, which may inconvenience park visitors.

Lake Pueblo's Juniper Breaks Campground and Northern Plains Campground will close Jan. 3 for all users, including campers, hikers, joggers, bicyclists and dog walkers because of safety concerns.

“During construction, there will be open trenches and heavy equipment in the campgrounds each day. We want to prevent accidents and protect visitors,” said Brad Henley, manager at Lake Pueblo State Park. “During construction, park visitors should use extra caution because of the construction vehicles and other project-related traffic.”

Effective immediately and through May 1, the state parks' reservations system, <http://parks.state.co.us/Reservations/Pages/ReservationsHome.aspx>, will not accept reservations for the two campgrounds. If the construction is completed before May 1, the campgrounds will be re-opened and reservations will be accepted, he said. The Arkansas Point Campground, located on the south side of the park, will remain open.

There may be additional road and access closures during the construction period, Henley said. And, sections of Lake Pueblo's water supply system will be shutoff for various periods of time during the project.

“We regret that the closures, the dust from construction and the noise may inconvenience some park visitors, but the water system improvements are essential,” said Henley.

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