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***Santa Cruz Road at Tetilla Peak Recreation area will open Saturday***

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District, announced it will open Santa Cruz Road at the Tetilla Peak recreation area at Cochiti Lake this Saturday, August 3. The area has been closed to pedestrian and vehicle traffic since May 14 due to the risk of fires.

“The wind surfers will certainly be happy about this,” said Dave Dutton, acting operations manager at Cochiti, Galesteo and Jemez dams. “I’ve had a lot of phone calls from them inquiring about when we’re going to open it up.”

Last week, Corps personnel met with fire management officials from the Santa Fe National Forest to look at fire indicators.

“Although the area is still very dry, the humidity is up and more moisture is tracking through the area,” Dutton said.

The ban on charcoal fires has also been lifted, so visitors to the area will now be able to cook on charcoal grills.

Galesteo Dam, which has also been closed since May 14 is scheduled to reopen August 10.