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COCHITI LAKE WILL WAIVE DAY USE FEES JUNE 22 and 23

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will join other federal agencies in waiving day use fees at its recreation areas nationwide during the weekend of June 22 and 23. For the Corps' Albuquerque District Office, this means that visitors to Cochiti Lake will pay no boat launch fees that weekend.

This is in support of the President's Healthier US Initiative, which the White House announced June 12. The President's initiative places emphasis on the important role the Nation's parks and public lands play in making the lives of all Americans healthier, both mentally and physically.

In waiving day use fees this weekend, the Corps encourages all Americans to walk, hike, swim or just enjoy our Nation's public lands and waters to improve their health and fitness.

The Corps is one of our nation's largest providers of outdoor recreation, operating more than 2500 recreation areas at 456 projects and leasing an additional 1800 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests.

The Albuquerque District Office operates nine flood control projects: Abiquiu Reservoir, Cochiti Lake, Conchas Lake, Galisteo Dam, Jemez Canyon Dam, and Two Rivers Dam in New Mexico, and John Martin Reservoir and Trinidad Lake in Colorado.

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The Corps operates recreation facilities only at Abiquiu and Cochiti. Due to low water levels at Abiquiu, the Corps has not been charging boat launch fees to visitors there.

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