



## Media Advisory

-- March 21, 2005 --

(ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico) – With the best snowpack and precipitation New Mexico has seen in almost ten years, officials will gather at a **joint news conference** this **Thursday, March 24** to discuss **updated spring runoff estimates and projected reservoir levels**, as well as opportunities that will exist for recreational enthusiasts throughout the summer.

Recent rains should improve habitat for wildlife, irrigation for farmers and ranchers, as well as outdoor recreational opportunities. However, officials caution there has not been enough precipitation to completely restore reservoir levels and the state may still experience drought conditions.

Four state officials will be available to respond to questions including: State Engineer John D'Antonio, Secretary of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Joanna Prukop, Secretary of Tourism Mike Cerletti and State Parks Director David Simon.

**WHEN:** **Thursday, March 24**

**TIME:** **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**PLACE:** **Rio Grande Nature Center**  
2901 Candelaria NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**DIRECTIONS:** Take the Candelaria/Menaul exit off I-25. Head west on Candelaria. Go two blocks past Rio Grande and turn right at the dead end into the Rio Grande Nature Center parking lot.

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