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Eagle Nest Dam Caretaker Hired For the Interstate Stream Commission

(EAGLE NEST, New Mexico) – The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission has hired a new caretaker for the Eagle Nest Dam.

Matthew Bogar joined the agency on August 14, 2006. He is charged with administering water flows, along with care and upkeep of the dam. He is the person responsible for monitoring water levels during flood stages, should flooding occur.

Bogar worked for the Office of the State Engineer in the Water Resources Allocation Program with the Lower Rio Grande Water Master from May to June 2003. He was also an adjudication project manager for the Lower Rio Grande Litigation and Adjudication Program from 2004 to 2005.

“Bogar brings a knowledge of water issues and familiarity with our agency to this position,” said Interstate Stream Commission Director Estevan Lopez. “He will monitor releases of water from the dam and make sure it is properly maintained and that all safety concerns are addressed. Also, he lives in Angel Fire, so he is familiar with the area.”

Bogar received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. He then earned his master’s degree in geology at New Mexico State University. In southwestern Alaska, he studied plate tectonics and metamorphic rocks as part of his master’s degree training.

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State acquired Eagle Nest Dam in 2002. It is now one of the premier recreational fishing and boating destinations in northeastern New Mexico. The state monitors water levels at the dam and is responsible for administering water rights associated with it.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of all surface and groundwater in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.

The Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protecting New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts, as well as water planning.

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