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CONSTRUCTION TO AFFECT LA LLORONA PARK IN LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

Construction related to Rio Grande levee improvements will affect access to La Llorona Park in Las Cruces, New Mexico during the week of December 9, 2013. Beginning Monday, December 9, the parking lot in the portion of La Llorona Park south of Picacho Avenue will be completely closed. The parking lot is expected to reopen on Thursday, December 12. Construction will not affect the portion of the park north of Picacho Avenue nor use of the park itself. The park is located in the 3400 block of West Picacho Avenue on the east side of the Rio Grande.

The closure is needed so that the parking lot can be repaved. The parking lot was affected by construction of Rio Grande flood control levees adjacent to the park. The levee construction contract issued by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission requires the contractor to repave the parking area. USIBWC awarded the contract to Briston Construction of Tempe, Arizona in 2010 for 20 miles of levee improvements along the east side of the Rio Grande between Leasburg Bridge and Mesilla Dam to benefit the New Mexico communities of Radium Springs, Doña Ana, Las Cruces, and Mesilla. All work under this contract is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2013.

The levee work was undertaken with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of the Recovery Act is to create and save jobs, promote economic recovery, and invest in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.

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