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**ELK STATE PARK ANNOUNCES CLOSURE**

**“Elk State Park Announces Instanter Boat Launch Opening”**

**JOHNSONBURG** – The Instanter Boat Launch at Elk State Park on the East Branch Clarion River Dam will be opening on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to operate the reservoir pool level consistent with the interim water control plan. No further changes in reservoir operations are anticipated at this time. The current pool level is 1646.4. The East Branch Lake boat launch ramp is open and the public dock is available for use.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has implemented a dam safety initiative at East Branch Dam for precautionary measures. The initiative includes lowering the water level of the lake and other risk reduction measures taken to ensure the dam will be operated at a safe level while the Corps investigates the concerns and pursues the long-term repairs. Questions concerning lake levels can be directed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, East Branch Dam, at 814-965-2065. All vessels launched from Elk State Park are required to have a valid DCNR Launch Permit or PA Fish and Boat Commission registration. **For more information please contact the Bendigo State Park Complex Office at 814-965-2646 or email us at: [bendigosp@state.pa.us](mailto:bendigosp@state.pa.us).**

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