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ELK STATE PARK ANNOUNCES CLOSURE

JOHNSONBURG – Due to low water levels, the Instanter boat launch will be unusable for boats that must be launched and recovered using a trailer, as of Monday, August 10, 2015. Boats that can be launched by hand will still have access to the water. The lake is below full summer pool, currently at 1,639.3' and the pool level is falling at the average rate expected at this time of the year.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has implemented a dam safety initiative at the Clarion River 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, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or email us at: bendigosp@pa.gov.

For further updated advisories visit the Elk State Park website at: www.dcnr.pa.gov. Park reservations or pavilion rentals can also be made online at the website above or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a Disability, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks at 888-PA-PARKS (voice) 888-537-7294 (TTY) 717-558-2711 (local or international TTY) 800-654-5984 (AT&T Relay Service).

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