

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park campground and Sully Creek State Park closed due to flooding**

The Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park campground is being closed immediately due to the increased rise of the Missouri River and projections the water levels will reach and possibly exceed 17-feet, a foot above flood stage.

Campers having made reservations for the Memorial Day weekend will be contacted by the NDPRD and refunds will be made. Anyone with reservations beyond the holiday weekend can contact Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park at 701-667-6340 or by email at [falsp@nd.gov](mailto:falsp@nd.gov) to receive a full refund at any time prior to their expected arrival.

The campground will remain closed until the river recedes and services can be restored to the campground.

“With increased flows to 75,000 cubic feet per second, the highest flows since Garrison Dam was built, it was necessary to close the campground,” NDPRD Director Mark Zimmerman says. “The park’s interpretive facilities will remain open including Cavalry Square and the Custer House; On-A-Slant Indian Village; the post’s three blockhouses and nearby post cemetery; and picnic areas.”

Sully Creek State Park, south of Medora, is also closed because of rising waters on the Little Missouri.

The rest of the North Dakota State Parks are open and offering full services for the Memorial Day weekend, Zimmerman notes. “Even though some facilities will be closed because of flooding, there are still plenty of opportunities for campers to take advantage of during the long weekend and people should be getting outdoors and enjoying what state parks have to offer.”

There is free admittance to state parks for all Veterans and Military personnel on Monday, May 30 in recognition of Memorial Day and the contributions they’ve made on behalf of the country.