

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park campground reopens, June 1**

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park's campground will open on June 1, over a year after it was closed due to Missouri River flooding.

Reopening the campground has been a priority project since the water receded last fall. Projects including restoring facilities such as the comfort stations and amphitheater; building two new camping cabins to take the place of those destroyed by flooding; replacing the electrical and water utilities damaged by water; clearing as much as a foot of silt left behind by the river; cutting down and replacing trees; replanting grass; cleaning the playground; and much more.

“With the Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park campground open the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department returns to its pre-flood state,” NDPRD director Mark Zimmerman says. “It’s been a long road. Just about every state park was affected by flooding in 2011 and campgrounds at Sully Creek State Park and Cross Ranch State Park were also closed and had to go through extensive repairs. A lot of hard work and money have been put into bringing the parks back to the condition visitors have come to expect.”

During the campground closure the rest of the park remained open to visitors including Cavalry Square, On-A-Slant Indian Village and the Fort Blockhouses.

Reservations for campsites and cabins will start being taken by noon on Friday, May 25. The reservations can be made online at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) or by calling 800-807-4723.