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EMNRD announces retirement of State Parks Director

Santa Fe, NM – The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), State Parks Division announces the retirement of Director Christy Tafoya effective July 1, 2021 after 25 years of state service. Director Tafoya's 25 years are an excellent example of public service and the ability to build a fulfilling career in state government that benefits all New Mexicans.

Director Tafoya was the first female leader of the State Parks Division bringing an extensive background in resource protection, education, and park management to the position. Beginning her career in the field of archaeology, Director Tafoya came to State Parks in 1998, held a variety of management positions, and was appointed as Director in 2015 and again in 2019 under the current administration.

"Director Tafoya has brought expertise and enthusiasm to State Parks that will be exceptionally difficult to replace," said EMNRD Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. "I want to thank Director Tafoya for her years of public service to New Mexico, and I know the entire Department wishes her the best in her upcoming retirement."

Recruitment for the State Parks Director position will begin today, February 1, 2021. This is an important position that carries out the mission of New Mexico's 35 State Parks.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply. A job description and instructions to apply can be found [here](#).

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