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Concession Opportunities for Keeping State Parks Open

California State Parks is now accepting proposals for keeping five state park units open through concession agreements. The Request for Proposals (RFP) allow bids for one or more of the parks being offered or could include all five under one bid proposal. The bid process is open to all interested parties.

The parks being offered are located in the Sacramento Valley, Delta Region and the Central Valley, as follows:

- Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area – Located near Corning
- Brannan Island State Recreation Area -- Located in the Delta near Rio Vista
- Turlock Lake State Recreation Area – Located east of Turlock
- McConnell State Recreation Area – Located south of Turlock
- George J. Hatfield State Recreation Area – Located southwest of Turlock

In response to budget reductions, State Parks identified 70 parks it could no longer afford to operate. Partners have been found for nine and negotiations are underway for others. In this RFP offering, the Department is requesting proposals for operating these five parks. Other RFPs will be forthcoming for other parks.

This RFP is being issued for a five-year concession contract focusing on campground, day use area, facility maintenance, and housekeeping. The urgency of park closures and logistics requires that this process be expedited. As a result, there will be no “pre-proposal” meeting or formal walk through. Proposers are encouraged to visit the park on their own and submit written questions to the Concessions, Reservations and Fees Division (address below).

Questions regarding the RFP are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2012. Any changes to the RFP that may be made in response to the questions will be made on April 9, 2012. Final proposals are due by 2:00 p.m., on May 1, 2012 at California Department of Parks and Recreation, Concessions, Reservations and Fees Division, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1442-13, Sacramento, CA 95814. A paper copy of the complete RFP may be purchased for \$40 or a copy at no charge may be downloaded from the California State Parks website at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/concessions>.

For more information or to purchase an RFP, please call the Concessions Division or John Mott at (916) 653-7733 or e-mail jmott@parks.ca.gov. ###

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