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Big Lakes and Rocky Lake recreation sites seeking private management

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks is looking for a concessionaire to manage State Recreation Sites Big Lake North, Big Lake South, and Rocky Lake in the Mat-Su Region beginning summer of 2022.

These State Recreation Sites have been operated through a concessionaire contract since 2010. When the previous contract ended in December of 2021, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for a new contract to begin summer of 2022. With no eligible bids to date, the deadline remains open through April 29.

“Unfortunately, we are in a difficult situation without a concessionaire partner in place yet,” said Alaska State Parks Director Ricky Gease. “We encourage all qualified parties to bid while we continue to look for ways to open these popular state campgrounds this summer. Our goal is to make the Big Lake North, Big Lake South, and Rocky Lake recreation sites available to Alaskans in 2022.”

Concessionaire contracts are typically three or five-year terms, and there is a current RFP that closes on April 29, 2022. Interested concessionaires may inquire through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Procurement office at:
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