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The State Parks Division welcomes four new graduates from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy as its newest Park Rangers
Additional positions still available across many State Parks

Santa Fe, NM – The [State Parks Division \(State Parks\) of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department](#) would like to congratulate and welcome four newly certified and commissioned Park Law Enforcement Rangers (Park Rangers) who recently graduated from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy (NMLEA).

The cadets received their police officer's certification during a ceremony at the Santa Fe Indian School Gymnasium on May 25, 2023. Officer Marc Jimenez (Elephant Butte Lake), Officer Emily Gaston (Eagle Nest Lake), Officer Andrew Cole (Cimarron Canyon), and Officer Austin Franzoy (Elephant Butte Lake) were issued the oath of office to join the ranks of 50 other Park Rangers across the State Parks system.

Officer Marc Jimenez was also honored by the NMLEA with the "Top Driver" award. The Top Driver must consistently exhibit exceptional skills in emergency vehicle operations and accident avoidance during multiple timed exercises.

State Parks has multiple job openings across the system available for those interested in law enforcement. Park Rangers protect and enhance natural and cultural resources, support outdoor recreation and education, and promote public safety on water and land to benefit and enrich the lives of park visitors. For full job descriptions, including the qualifications needed to become a Park Ranger, go to the State Personnel website at <https://www.spo.state.nm.us/> and click on the [Job Opportunities](#) tab.

For more information on all 35 of your New Mexico State Parks found across 25 of 33 counties across our state, please visit our website at www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/. Book your camping reservation six months in advance! Log onto <https://www.reserveamerica.com/> and save the perfect camping spot at your favorite New Mexico State Park today. ¡Vámanos! Let's Go New Mexico!



(L-R) Marc Jimenez, Austin Franzoy, William Perdue (LE Program Manager), Emily Gaston, Andrew Cole

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