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SUBJECT: **FREE NON-MOTORIZED BOATING at Horsetooth Reservoir Announced**

The Board of Larimer County Commissioners today **WAIVED THE FEES FOR NON-MOTORIZED BOATING** on Horsetooth Reservoir until boat ramps are again open and available which should be in early Spring, 2003. If you can carry your boat to the water, and it doesn't have a motor, you don't need to purchase a boating permit. All water access is from South Bay. Park entrance permits are still required for vehicles, and camping fees are still in effect.

A huge body of water remains available to non-motorized boaters and to shoreline anglers. And, it's a good time for paddlers to backcountry camp along the west shoreline and coves. Check in with a ranger at South Bay.

All campgrounds remain open, including 25 below-high-water campsites at South Bay. Nearby Horsetooth Mountain Park has 28 miles of trails for hiking and mountain biking.

Carter Lake, southwest of Loveland remains open for all boating and camping.

For more information about Larimer County's Parks & Open Lands, call the Administrative Offices at (970) 679-4570, or access our web pages at www.larimer.org/parks. To learn about the Modernization of Dams Project, go to www.abouthorsetooth.com.

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