

Early rain builds hope for outdoor recreation in '17

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The start of rainy season and its effects on the outdoors next year already are showing promise.

The little-seen numbers from water agencies show there is a good chance of a great 2017 for camping at lakes and streams, and boating, rafting, fishing and water sports.

Over the weekend, I reviewed reports made by about 25 water districts to the state Department of Water Resources and federal Bureau of Reclamation.

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