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Oroville Fireworks – a ‘Red, White & You’ Event *Barge-Launched Display “Better than Ever” Thanks to Contest Winner*

SACRAMENTO – Lake Oroville will sparkle with free Fourth of July fireworks hosted by Destination America and community organizations in partnership with the Department of Water Resources. Home to the tallest dam in the United States and a large retired military community, Oroville’s Independence Day celebration honors local veterans.

Oroville resident Deliah Robison’s entry was selected from 2,600 entries in the Destination America network’s contest as one of the nation’s two winners to be treated with a Fourth of July “Red, White & You” celebration. The other winning town is Waveland, Mississippi. Contestants wrote a 150-word essay about why their town deserves to win a free Fourth of July celebration. Along with children’s rides, hot dogs, ice cream and a spectacular fireworks show for the event, wrestling superstars Madison Payne, Josh Matthews and Ethan Carter III, known to wrestling fans as EC3, will make a special appearance. The network also supported a restoration project at the City of Oroville’s Feather River Nature Center, located across the river from the Feather River Fish Hatchery.

The event begins at 4:00 p.m. and Dam Crest Road will close at 5 p.m. Beginning at 9:45 p.m., several thousand spectators will watch fireworks exploding about 600 feet above the lake, which even during these drought conditions has more than 12 square miles of water surface on which to recreate.

The Lower Overlook parking lot on Oroville Dam Boulevard, about a mile west of Oroville Dam, will offer limited free parking. Parking at the Spillway Boat Ramp will cost \$6 per vehicle. Upper Overlook Day Use parking area located south of the dam is only for disabled parking. Shuttles will be available to and from a parking lot near the Oroville Municipal Auditorium. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Barbeque grills, cooking and open flame of any kind are prohibited at parking locations. At the spillway parking lot, only propane and white gas barbecue grills will be allowed.

No private fireworks, including “Safe and Sane” fireworks, will be allowed in any area of Oroville Dam, campground, parking lots, boat ramps or surrounding areas. Fire-fighters will be positioned at strategic locations around the lake as a precaution.

About 75 miles north of Sacramento and 60 miles south of Redding, Lake Oroville can be reached from State Highway 70.

California has been dealing with the effects of drought for four years. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov. Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.

