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Opportunities for developers and investors to grow along with America's rapidly expanding recreational industry are being offered by the Cochiti Indian Tribe of New Mexico, which has concession rights on what will be the biggest lake in the Albuquerque-Santa Fe area.

When the Cochiti Dam is completed across the Rio Grande, 50 miles north of Albuquerque, in 1970, it will create a 2,300 acre-lake in the midst of some of the Southwest's most scenic and historic country.

The Cochiti Pueblo is offering 1,850 acres of shore land for commercial recreational development under long term leases on Cochiti Lake. The Pueblo will also consider residential or other development proposals on adjacent lands.

Cochiti Lake will be set among the mesas, arroyos, and canyons of the New Mexico high country. It will be surrounded by mountains in an area with a near perfect climate for outdoor living.

Access to the area is provided by the Pan-American Central Highway (Interstate 25). Economic projections indicate that Cochiti Lake will have 850,000 seasonal visits in 1970 with the figure rising to two million by the year 2000.

In addition to its main attractions of boating, camping, fishing and swimming, the lake will be close to the Bandelier National Monument, the atomic city of Los Alamos, Valle Grande -- the Nation's largest extinct volcano--and the Spanish charm and festivity of Santa Fe.

A basic plan for the development of the area has been prepared and endorsed by the Cochiti Pueblo, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Army Corps of Engineers. This plan contains the basic terms and conditions for commercial and public use development and is available from the Superintendent, United Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P. O. Box 1667, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87103.

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