



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST
COYOTE and CUBA RANGER DISTRICTS**

BLACK FEATHER AREA, ROAD, AND TRAIL CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands and roads, and trails in the Coyote Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area/Roads/Trails”):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).
3. Being on the Described Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Landowners who need to cross NFS lands or roads in the closure area in order to access their private property.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

- The Described Areas are within Township 23 North, Range 1 East, Sections 8, 17, 18, 20, 28, 27, 26, 23, 24, 30; Township 23 North, Range 1 East, Sections 30; Township 23 North, Range 2 East, Sections 32; Township 22 North, Range 2 East, Sections 4, 9, 16, 15, 22, 27, 34, 35; Township 21 North, Range 2 East, Sections 2, 1, 12, 13, 14, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Township 21 North, Range 1 East, Sections 12, 1; Township 22 North Range 1 West, Sections 12, 1; Township 22 North, Range 1 West, Sections 36, 25, 26, 23, 24, 13, 12 1; Township 23 North, Range 1 West, Sections 36, 25, 24, 19, 18.
- Specifically, the Described Area includes all National Forest System lands within the boundary starting at the northwest side of the Coyote Ranger District. Starting off from Highway 96 and the junction of Forest Road 76 approximately 8.5 miles. At the junction of Forest Road 103 and Forest Road 76, the closure will go down FR 103 to the junction of Forest Road 70 approximately 19 miles. At the junction a

gate can be used for closing access to FR70. The boundary will be cross county to Forest Road 69 there is a gate that can be used to close access to the forest. The boundary will continue from FR69 to FR70 (approximately 1.5 miles). The described area of the western of the San Pedro Parks Wilderness boundary starting from the junction of FR 76 going south to the junction of FR 70.

- T 21 N, R 1 W sections, 33, and 28. A gate at Forest Road 70 and Highway 126 junction (approximately 2 miles) can be closed.
- The Closure boundary will then fall within T 21 N, R 1 w. section 12, 1. T 22 N, R 1 W, section 36, 26, 23, 13, 12, 1. Following Travel Area Legend "D".
- At the corner of the Wilderness boundary. Closure will be in T 23 N R 1 W, sections 36, 25, 19, 18. Tying back to Forest Road 76.
- All system trails within the San Pedro Parks Wilderness are closed including: #32 Penas Negras Trail; #50 Palomas Trail; #436 Damian Trail; #51 Las Vacas Trail; #46 Los Pinos Trail; #435 Anastacio Trail; #36 Upper Rio Gallina Trail; #33 San Jose Trail; #37 Red Rock Trail; #31 Rio Capulin Trail; #451 Cecilia Creek Trail; #452 Corralitos Trail; #43 Vega Redonda Trail; #385 Rio Puerco Trail; #418 Perchas Trail; #30 Rio Gallina Trail; #455 Pelones Trail; and #813 Continental Divide Trail.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety and the safety of all personnel working the fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 9, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. through December 31, 2023, at 12:00 a.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas/Roads/Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/santafe/alerts-notices>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Coyote Ranger District at (575) 638-5526 and Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office in Santa Fe, (505) 438-5300, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Areas/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on _____day of August 2023.

Shaun Sanchez
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Santa Fe National Forest