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Closure update for trails on White Mountain Wilderness Area

ALAMOGORDO, N.M, May 22, 2023 – Effective Wednesday, May 22, 2024, the Lincoln National Forest has issued a closure order for several trails within the White Mountain Wilderness Area on the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

The restricted areas are National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within and around the White Mountain Wilderness.

The western boundary of the restricted area is located at the junction of National Forest Service Road (NFSR) 107 and Big Bonito trail #36, to the junction of Aspen Trail #35 35 to the junction of Crest Trail #25.

The Southern boundary is at the junction of Aspen Trail # 35 and the Crest Trail #25 along the crest trail to the junction the junction of Rodamaker Trail # 20.

The eastern boundary is the junction of the crest trail and Rodamaker Trail # 20 along the Rodamaker Trail # 20 to the junction of NFSR 107.

The northern boundary is the junction of Rodamaker Trail # 20 along NFSR 107 to the Big Bonito trail #36.

The purpose of this order is to protect the safety of firefighter personnel and the public as firefighters engage in suppression tactics on the Blue 2 wildfire.

Announcements will be made when the trails reopen. For updates on the Blue 2 wildfire, please follow the incident on social media or on Inciweb:

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Blue2Fire

Inciweb Link: www.inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmlnf-blue-2-fire

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