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Temporary parking area closure for search and rescue efforts Sandia Ranger District

Albuquerque, NM, (September 18, 2020) – In support of the New Mexico State Police’s continued search and rescue efforts for a local hiker, Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest and Grasslands is **temporarily closing the Sandia Crest Recreation site upper parking area from 7am to 7pm on Saturday, September 19**. The lower parking area will remain open and visitors may still access the observation deck and the surrounding trails.

“Our thoughts are with the family. I am thankful and appreciative of the efforts by New Mexico State Police and the local volunteer search and rescue organizations.” Crystal Powell, Sandia District Ranger

The Sandia Crest Recreation site is located at the top of the Sandia Mountains accessed via Sandia Crest Scenic Byway, State Highway 536.

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