



Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands

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**Forest Closures & Fire Restrictions Lifted
on Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands**

Effective Friday June 24th

Order Number 03-0730/0731

Albuquerque, NM – June 23, 2022 – Monsoonal activity has increased bringing widespread precipitation across most of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands (NF & NGs). The fire danger level has decreased substantially within New Mexico. The Cibola NF & NGs will lift closures and fire restrictions on Friday, June 24th at 8:00 a.m. as noted below.

Forest managers consider several factors before lifting fire restrictions, including current fire danger and fire activity, current and predicted weather, fuel moisture levels, availability of firefighting resources, and local, regional and national fire preparedness levels.

“We know that these necessary fire restrictions and closures can cause a negative impact and we greatly appreciate the cooperation that we have received during this time. We are really excited to reopen the forest to the public.” Steve Hattenbach, Forest Supervisor for the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands.

Magdalena Ranger District: Lifts Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on Friday June 24th.

Previously announced Bear Trap Fire Area, Road and Trail Closure Order (03-0728) still in effect.

Mountainair Ranger District: Forest reopens on Friday June 24th.

Mt. Taylor Ranger District: Forest reopens on Friday June 24th.

Sandia Ranger District: Forest reopens on Friday June 24th.

Kiowa/Rita-Blanca Ranger District: Lifts Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on Friday June 24th.

Black Kettle Ranger District: Lifts Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on Friday June 24th

Additional information call:

Magdalena Ranger District Office: 575-854-2281

Mountainair Ranger District Office: 505-847-2990

Mt. Taylor Ranger District Office: 505-287-8833

Sandia Ranger District Office: 505-281-3304

Black Kettle NGs Ranger District Office: 580-497-2143

Kiowa and Rita Blanca NGs Ranger District Office: 575-374-9652

Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands Supervisor’s Office: 505-346-3900

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