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## Area Closure Order for Tree Spring Trailhead and Parking Area Sandia Ranger District

Order Number 03-03-05-23-11

**Albuquerque, NM, October 16, 2023** – The Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands (NF&NGs) has issued an area closure order (03-03-05-23-11) for Tree Spring trailhead and parking area on the Sandia Ranger District described below and shown on the **attached map**.

This Order shall be in effect from October 16, 2023, at 06:00AM through October 27, 2023 at 12:00PM, unless rescinded.

PURPOSE: Is for the protection of public health and safety during mechanized thinning work at the developed recreation site immediately to the east and northeast of the Tree Spring trailhead as specifically shown on the map.

DESCRIBED ROAD: The Tree Spring trailhead and parking area located off New Mexico State Highway 536 as specifically shown in Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS: Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for public health and safety. 36 CFR § 261.53(e).

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

- 1. Person with a Forest Service permit, contract or agreement specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. 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)].
- 3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

The official order 03-03-05-23-11 posted on the Cibola NF & NGs website under Alerts & Notices.

For more information on this order contact: Sandia Ranger District in Tijeras, NM (505) 281-3304 Cibola NF&NGs Forest Supervisor's Office - Albuquerque, NM, (575) 346-3900 USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.