



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands  
Sandia Ranger District**

**Road and Recreation Area 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 in the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A ("the Described Area and Roads"):

1. Going into or being upon the described area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Residential traffic accessing subdivisions.
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.

**DESCRIBED AREA AND ROADS**

The Described Area includes the La Luz Trailhead Parking Area in its entirety. The Described Roads include National Forest System Roads 333, 333A, 333B, 333C, 333D, and 333E in their entirety.

NOTE: Parking anywhere along NFSR 333 is also prohibited.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public health and safety. Due to road construction, no detour can be safely made to avoid and traverse around the road construction zone.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from October 21, 2024, at 0700 through October 31, 2024, at 1800, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads 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/sandia/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 Sandia Ranger District in Tijeras, New Mexico, (505) 281-3304, and Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands Supervisor's Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico, (505) 346-3900, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same Described Area/Roads.

Signed and issued on October 16, 2024.

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Forest Supervisor  
Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands