



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands
Sandia Ranger District
Area Closure for Cedro 4 Project Area East of Forest Road 12**

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 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/Roads/Trails"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for public health and safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
2. Being on a road within the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e);**
3. Being on a trail within the Described Area **36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).**

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons 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.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

This Closure Order includes the area shown in Exhibit A east of Forest Road 12. The described area is located east of Forest Road 462 and southeast of Forest Road 12 on the Sandia Ranger District. Trails included within this closure order are as follows:

- **05606 Lower Pine** From its intersection with Tablezon (north end of closure) to its intersection with Gear Grinder (north end of closure).
- **05629 Tablezon** from its intersection with Lower Pine (north end of closure) to its intersection with Gear Grinder (north end of closure)
- **05630 Gear Grinder** from its intersection with Lower Pine (north end of closure) to its intersection with Lone Pine (central area of closure).

- **05607 Pinyon** from its intersection with Lower Pine (north end of closure) to its intersection with Bear Scat (central area of closure).
- **05628 Lone Pine** from its intersection with Pinyon (eastern area of the closure) to its intersection with Meadow Single Track (southwest end of the closure).
- **05027 Bear Scat** from its intersection with Pinyon (central area of closure) to its intersection with Poker Chip (south end of the closure).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for the protection of public health and safety during mechanized thinning work in the Cedro 4 project area south of Forest Road 462 as specifically shown in Exhibit A.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from February 10th, 2025, at 0600 through May 31st, 2025 at 0600, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area 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/cibola/alerts-notice>.
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, NM (505) 281-3304, and Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands Supervisor's Office in Albuquerque, NM (505) 346-3900, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on 30th of January 2025.

Forest Supervisor
Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands