

VOLUNTEER OUTREACH

FRIENDS OF SANDIA MOUNTAINS SUPPORT IN HELPING THE FOREST SERVICE MANAGE THE INTERPRETATION AND FACILITIES AT TIJERAS PUEBLO

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BACKGROUND

Since 1992, the Friends of Tijeras Pueblo (FOTP) assisted the Sandia Ranger District in the interpretation of Tijeras Pueblo Archaeological Site and Museum. In late 2025, the volunteer group decided to disband. The Sandia Ranger District has begun reorganizing the volunteer program for Tijeras Pueblo, with the primary goal to continuing upkeep of the gardens, archaeological site interpretive trail, and staffing the museum 1-3 days per week.

The volunteer group, Friends of Sandia Mountains (FOSM), is an active partner of the Sandia Ranger District that supports a large network of volunteers and assists with several district programs and functions. FOSM has agreed to assist the Forest Service in administering a volunteer program that would support management of the Tijeras museum and associated interpretive site. FOSM and the Forest Service are seeking volunteers to participate in the following tasks:

MUSEUM WORK TASKS

- 1) Museum Staffing:
 - *Provides volunteer support to staff the museum.*
- 2) Museum/Site Docent:
 - *Receives specialized training to lead interpretive tours on the trail and at the museum.*
- 3) Interpretive Event Planning:
 - *Participates in planning and/or running special interpretive events at the museum or on the site. Events include: Archaeology Summer Camp, Tijeras Pueblo Lecture Series, Summer Saturday programs (i.e. flintknapping workshop, loom demonstration, ceramic manufacture workshop, fresco painting, etc.)*
- 4) Interpretive Garden Exhibit/Education Planning:
 - *Assist the Forest Service in developing educational materials and public interpretation for the museum garden.*

INTERPRETIVE GARDEN AND GROUNDS WORK TASKS

- 1) Museum Interpretive Garden and Pollinator Gardens:
 - *Assist with planting and weekly maintenance of the museum interpretive garden and the pollinator garden.*

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INTERPRETIVE GARDEN AND GROUNDS WORK TASKS (CONT.)

- 2) Tijeras Pueblo Trail Maintenance:
 - *Monitor trail and interpretive sign condition and assist routine and group project day maintenance.*
- 3) Tijeras Pueblo Erosion Control and Invasive Species Management
- 4) Development of Nature Program and Kiosk Interpretation:
 - *Develop interpretive material for Ranger Station kiosk*
 - *Possible development of nature walks series.*
- 5) Birdhouse Inspection:
 - *Monitor/document birdhouses locations at Tijeras*

