Legal Notice of Decision
Travel Management on the
Mountainair Ranger District

On September 7, 2010, Nancy Rose, Forest Supervisor, signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for Travel Management on the Mountainair Ranger District Project. The selected alternative 3 with modifications designates a system of roads for public access and motorized recreation travel. This decision prohibits cross country motorized travel off of the designated system on the Mountainair Ranger District and 253.6 miles of currently open system roads will be restricted to administrative use only. When combined with previous decisions, the designation of this alternative will result in a motorized system with 234.3 miles of roads open to all motor vehicles and 23.3 miles of motorized dispersed camping corridors. The decision approves construction of 2.7 miles of road reroutes. A non-significant Forest Plan amendment is also approved by this decision.

This decision will result in the publication of a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Designations made with past decisions will also be shown on the MVUM. After the MVUM has been released, travel off the designated system will be prohibited unless authorized by permit or other authorization. The Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact can be obtained from the Supervisor's Office at Cibola NF, 2113 Osuna NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87113, or can be requested by phone at 505-346-3900, by email cibolatravel@fs.fed.us, or on the Mountainair Ranger District Travel Management web site: http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/travel-management/tm_mt_air/index.shtml.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to regulations at 36 CFR 215. Individuals or organizations who provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action by the close of the comment period may appeal. The appeal must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officers, Corbin L. Newman Jr., Regional Forester, 333 Broadway Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, fax (505) 842-3173. If hand delivered, the appeal must be received at the above address during business hours (Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm), excluding holidays. Electronic appeals may be submitted to: appeals-southwestern-regional-office@fs.fed.us (.doc, .rtf, or .txt formats only). The appeal must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic appeals.

Appeals, including attachments, must be in writing, fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14 and filed (postmarked) within 45 days following the date this notice is published in the Albuquerque Journal. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Those wishing to appeal this decision should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source.

If no appeals are filed within the 45 day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

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