JEMEZ NATIONAL RECREATION AREA FLOOD RISK CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the areas described in this Order (the “Restricted Areas”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Jemez Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Areas. 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.52(e) and 261.53(e).

2. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(b).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREAS

As depicted on Exhibit A, the Restricted Areas consist of the following developed recreation sites adjacent to New Mexico State Highway 4: Battleship Rock, Soda Dam, Bluffs Fishing Access, Spanish Queen Picnic Area, Vista Linda Campground, River’s Bend Fishing Access, San Diego Fishing Access, Las Casitas Fishing Access, and La Junta Fishing Access.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect human life and public health and safety due to extreme flash flood risk, heightened by the Cerro Pelado post-fire hydrology in the Jemez Mountains Watershed.
IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on June 24, 2022, at 8 a.m. and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Areas is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.

3. Any violation of the prohibitions in this Order 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 (6) months, or both (see 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).

4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Jemez Ranger District located in Jemez Springs, New Mexico, telephone number 575-829-3535, and at the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico, telephone number 505-438-5300.

5. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 24th day of June, 2022.

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The data used to create this map is intended for broad-scale planning purposes. The Forest Service provides no warranty regarding its accuracy or use for other purposes.

Date: 6/23/2022

Jemez National Recreation Area Flood Risk Closure
USDA Forest Service - Santa Fe National Forest
Closure Order No. 10-515
Exhibit A

Restricted Area

Santa Fe National Forest

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