

# Ranger Roundup

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Quemado Lake

If you get an opportunity, bring your friends and family up to the Quemado Ranger District. Our campgrounds are open until the end of September, and provide a range of camping experiences from RV hook-ups in Juniper Campground to a more primitive tent experience in Pinon Campground. Larger groups can check out the El Caso campgrounds.

August, September, and October are prime months to fish at Quemado Lake, listen to elk bugle, view a variety of wildlife species (elk, antelope), hike the Continental Divide Trail (CDT), and visit with friends and family around the campfire. Check our website to read about our campgrounds and group areas <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gila/home>

I hope you meet some of our employees when you visit the Quemado Ranger District. We will be out in the woods a lot this fall working on a

wide variety of projects: implementing prescribed fire on the east side of the District in the Dead Horse Canyon area (near the community of Mangas); thinning on Slaughter Mesa to restore grassland habitat for antelope and large game species; and upgrading range improvements such as water tanks and fences.

We are also partnering with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department to extend the boat ramp at Quemado Lake. We will keep you all informed when this work is going to happen. The water level at the lake is low – so we all hope the extended forecast for a wet cold winter materializes.

While you are visiting the Gila National Forest you may run into employees holding clipboards and filling out forms along roads, in campgrounds and on the shores of our lakes. The Gila will be conducting recreation visitor use monitoring surveys over the next year. Please talk to them about your experience and expectations while visiting your National Forest.

Your National Forests provide a tremendous opportunity for solitude, reflection, and enjoyment. It is a privilege to work and live in such a great part of NM. We hope to see you on the Quemado Ranger District this fall.



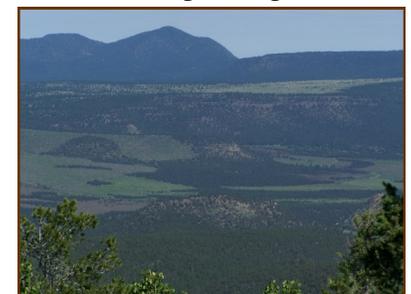
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Crews Thinning on Slaughter Mesa



Slaughter Mesa Grassland Restoration