

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST  
JEMEZ RANGER DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL CLOSURE FOR PROTECTION OF OCCUPIED HABITAT  
FOR THE  
NEW MEXICO MEADOW JUMPING MOUSE  
ALONG RIO CEBOLLA AND SAN ANTONIO CREEK  
WITHIN THE JEMEZ MOUNTAINS, NEW MEXICO**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the areas encompassing “occupied habitat” for the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius luteus*) within the Jemez Mountains along the Rio Cebolla and San Antonio Creek, on the Jemez Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, Sandoval County, New Mexico as described below and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into the order as Exhibits A through C (the “restricted area”).

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. It is prohibited to conduct any activity, go into, or be upon the areas encompassing “occupied habitat” for the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse as described below and as depicted on the attached maps, Exhibits A through C. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(a).**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(1);
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(4).

**RESTRICTED AREA DESCRIBED:**

The special closure encompasses all National Forest System lands within the areas of ‘occupied habitat’ for the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse within the Jemez Mountains along the Rio Cebolla and San Antonio Creek, Jemez Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest as described in the Table below and as depicted on the attached maps, Exhibits A through C.

CLOSURE AREA	NAME	MAP EXHIBIT	ACRES	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Area 1	Rio Cebolla	Exhibit B	18.52	Sec. 19,20 T19N R2E
Area 2	Rio Cebolla	Exhibit B	99.22	Sec. 19,20 T19N R2E Sec. 29, 30 T19N R2E
Area 3	Rio Cebolla	Exhibit B	80.15	Sec. 25&36 T19N R1E Sec. 30 T19N R2E
Area 4	San Antonio Creek	Exhibit C	24.53	Sec. 8, 17 T19N R3E

**AREAS EXCLUDED FROM CLOSURE:**

The following roads and areas are within the areas of “occupied habitat” however, they are excluded from the closure and will remain open: New Mexico State Highway #126, San Antonio Campground, Forest Road #376, the environmental kiosk and its adjacent parking area on Forest Road 376 where the Rio Cebolla crosses the road, and Forest Road #132.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this order is for the protection of “occupied habitat” for the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse within the Jemez Mountains along the Rio Cebolla and San Antonio Creeks, within the Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District in compliance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended and the determination of endangered status for the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse throughout its range by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (79 FR 33119, June 10, 2014). These protections are needed to avoid making any irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources which has the effect of foreclosing the formulation of any reasonable and prudent alternatives for up to one year or until consultation with the USFWS are completed and decisions are implemented.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until October 2, 2016, unless rescinded sooner.
2. This order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts in the same locations covered by this order.
3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].

This order shall be in effect until October 2, 2016.

Signed in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 2nd day of October 2015.

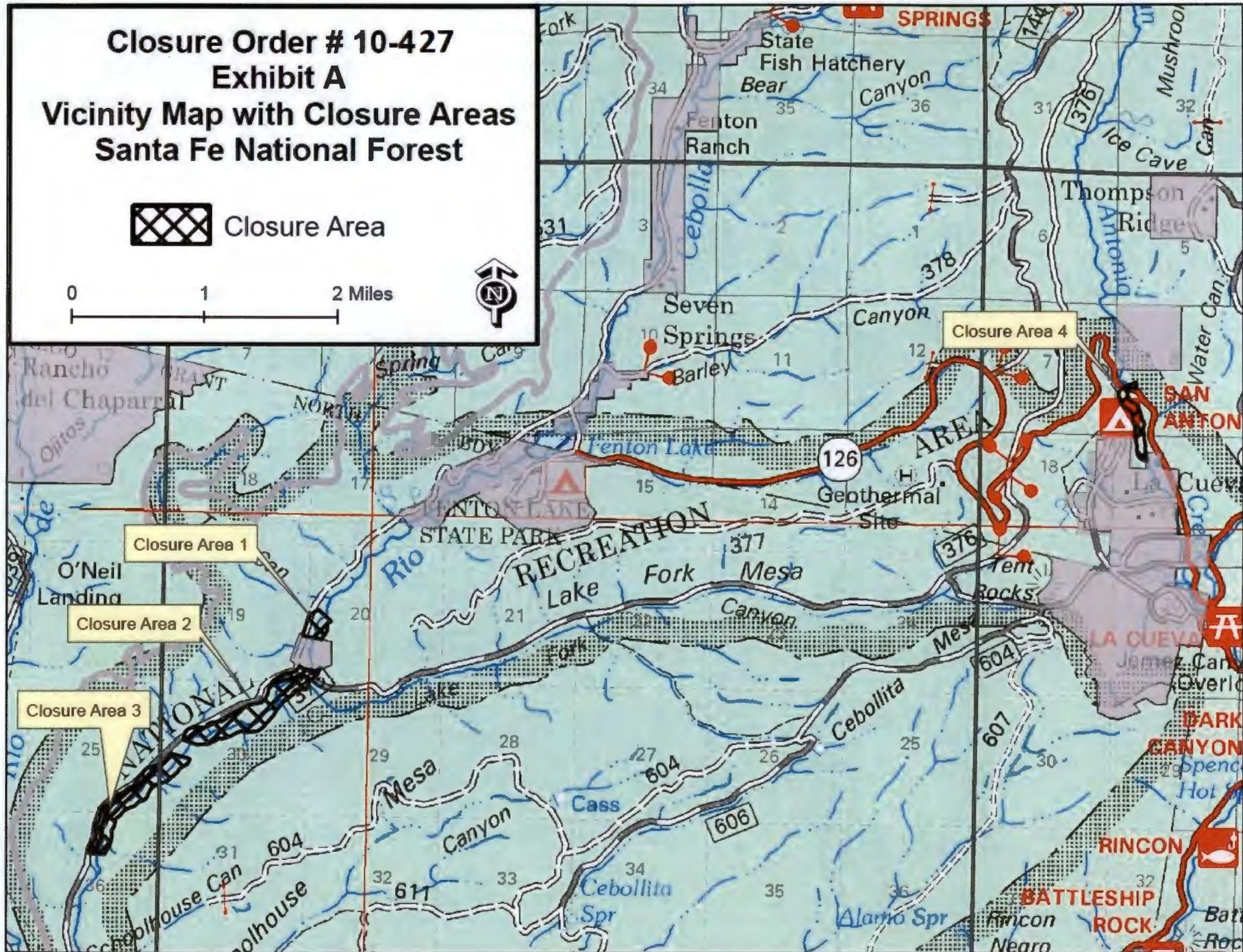


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**Closure Order # 10-427  
Exhibit A  
Vicinity Map with Closure Areas  
Santa Fe National Forest**

 Closure Area

0 1 2 Miles



R1E

R2E

R3E

T 20 N

T 19 N

Closure Areas 1, 2, and 3  
Rio Cebolla  
Township 19N Range 2E  
Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30  
Township 19N Range 1E  
Sections 25 and 36

# Closure Order # 10-427 Exhibit B Rio Cebolla Closure Areas Santa Fe National Forest

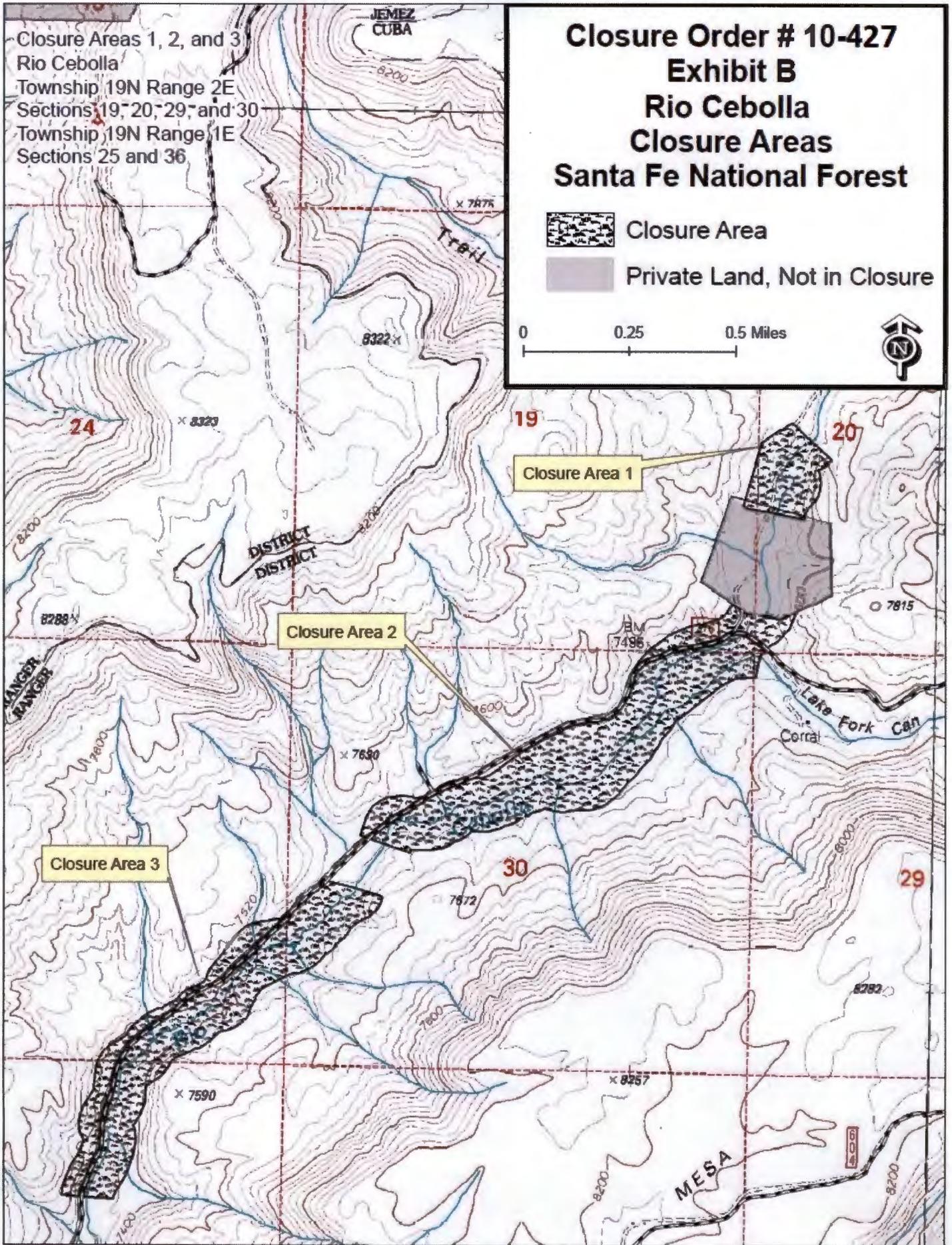


Closure Area



Private Land, Not in Closure

0 0.25 0.5 Miles



Closure Area 4  
San Antonio Creek  
Township 19N Range 3E  
Sections 8 and 17

**Closure Order # 10-427**  
**Exhibit C**  
**San Antonio Creek**  
**Closure Areas**  
**Santa Fe National Forest**



Closure Area



Private Land, Not in Closure

0 0.1 0.2 Miles

