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Las Conchas Fire Area Closure Impacts Hunting near Polvadera Peak

(SANTA FE, NM)— The Española Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest reminds hunters in Unit 6c that the Forest south of Abiquiu Grant to the Santa Clara Pueblo Reservation will remain closed during hunting season.

The Polvadera Peak area, a popular spot for hunting, is included in this closure.

“Safety is our number one priority, and roads happen to provide the most effective boundary to effect public safety,” said Sandy Hurlocker, Espanola District Ranger. “I know that unburned areas exist within this closure boundary, however when we looked at places to put in a clear boundary, we found few roads or major trails closer to the black and burned.”

Other portions of Unit 6c are open for hunting. There are also numerous alternative locations on the forest to hunt, fish, and camp. Most of the Santa Fe National Forest came out of restrictions between July 30 and August 16, with the exception of the Las Conchas Fire and Pacheco Fire burn areas, which remain in Stage III Fire Restrictions due to extreme hazardous conditions.

For more information on the Santa Fe National Forest, call (505) 438-5300 or (505) 753-7331, or for Las Conchas and Pacheco Fire Area Closure Orders go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/conditions>.

