



# News Release

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## Capulin Snow Play Area Opening Postponed

TIJERAS, NM, December 19, 2012 – The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands’ Sandia Ranger District announced that the Capulin Snow Play Area is not expected to open on December 22, 2012 as planned. “We usually open on the first Saturday after Albuquerque Public Schools start their winter break,” said Acting District Ranger Susan Millsap. “However, we’ve had very little snow so far and the long-range weather forecast is predicting above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation for the coming months.”

The district uses several criteria to make that determination, including:

- Snow depth of at least 12 inches
- Temperatures not exceeding 35 degrees in the afternoon
- Temperatures below freezing at night
- Verifying that the road to the Capulin Snow Play Area and the parking lot have been cleared

“We are committed to providing the experience our public expects, and will continue to monitor the Capulin Snow Play Area to determine when conditions are right to open the area,” said Millsap.

For additional information, please contact the Sandia Ranger District, Bob Heiar, at 505-281-3304 or go to the Cibola’s website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>.