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Mountainair Ranger District Announces Winter Road Closures

Mountainair, NM – December 21, 2012. The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands' Mountainair Ranger District is closing and gating the following roads to all motorized traffic for the winter:

Manzano Division:

- National Forest System Road (NFSR) 321 from the Forest boundary to NFSR 55
- NFSR 245 from the Forest boundary to Capilla Peak
- NFSR 253 from the Forest boundary to Red Canyon Campground
- NFSR 422 from the Pine Shadow Trailhead to Red Canyon Campground
- NFSR 275 from the Forest boundary to NFSR 422
- NFSR 522 from NFSR 275 to NFSR 253 [36 CRF 261.54(a)]

Gallinas Division:

- NFSR 102 from NFSR 99 to the summit of Gallinas Peak [36 CRF 261.54(a)]

“We close these roads during the freeze and thaw cycles of winter months to protect the road beds from rutting and erosion caused by motor vehicles. We are concerned for public safety, also, as these roads are not plowed or treated and can become impassable,” said District Ranger Karen Lessard.

Non-motorized travel, such as walking or horseback riding, is allowed on these roads during the closure.

This closure order will be in effect until March 31, 2013, or until rescinded. Closure Order 03-0458 has been posted on the Cibola's website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/cibola/alerts-notices>

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