

The Sacramento District Review

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Law Enforcement on the Lincoln



Lincoln National Forest Law Enforcement Officers, (from left) Patrick Blue, Eric Chavez and Javier Valles

-Patrick Blue Law enforcement is an essential component of managing forest lands that dates back to the creation of the Forest Service. Today there are over 700 agents and officers protecting approximately 193 million acres of NFS lands nationwide.

On the Lincoln National Forest, law enforcement is tasked with regulating many activities such as; OHV use, natural and cultural resource damage, fire restrictions, recreational camping, special use authorization compliance and interdiction of cultivation and manu-

facturing of illegal drugs. Our mission is to serve the public and care for the land with respect, integrity and fairness aimed at creating a safe and enjoyable experience for all visiting public. There are many questions surrounding the presence of law enforcement in the Forest Service. Below are some commonly asked questions and answers:

Off Highway Vehicles (OHV):

Q: Do I have to register my OHV while riding on the forest?

A: Yes. You must fol-

low all New Mexico state laws while operating an OHV on a National Forest System road or trail. It's the responsibility of the visitor to "know before you go". Non-residents who have proof of a valid OHV registration, user fee or similar fee, may not need to purchase the New Mexico Permit. Please refer to the website (www.b4uride.com) for a listing of those states. All off road activity is prohibited within Lincoln National Forest. For more information about open roads and trails, please stop by one of our offices for a free travel management map.

Q: Are riders under the age of 18 required to wear a helmet if they are in a UTV with a cage?

A: Yes. All riders and operators under the age of 18 are required to wear a safety helmet.



There is inside you
 All of the potential
 To be whatever you want
 to be;
 All of the energy
 To do whatever you want
 to do.
 Imagine yourself as you
 would like to be,
 Doing what you want to
 do,
 And each day, take one
 step
 Towards your dream.
 And though at times it may
 seem too
 difficult to continue,
 Hold on to your dream.
 One morning you will
 awake to find
 That you are the person
 you dreamed of,
 Doing what you wanted to
 do,
 Simply because you had
 the courage
 To believe in your poten-
 tial
 And to hold on to your
 dream.

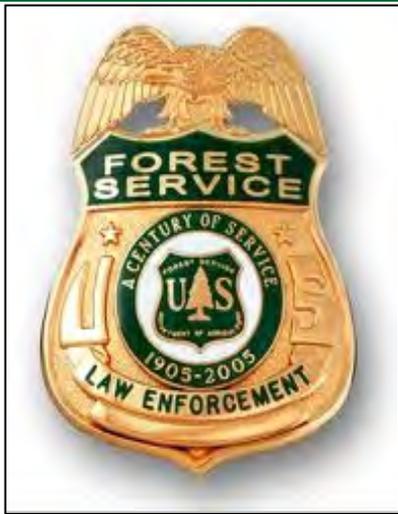
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Centennial Forest Service Law Enforcement Badge

Helmets certified by the American National Standards Institute provide the greatest protection. Additionally, all operators under the age of 18 are prohibited from having a passenger. Operators Under 16 must be visually supervised by an adult.

Forest Products:

Q: Are cut trees along the highway right-of-way free to collect?

A: No. A permit must be obtained prior to the collection of any forest product (rock, timber, dirt, etc.) from one of the Lincoln National Forest offices.

Closure Orders:

Q: Why are some popular areas that were previously open now closed?

A: Temporary closure orders are used to ensure public health and safety and the protection of resources. A closure order may close an area or prohibit a particular activity. It's important to follow all directions posted within the closure area. All active forest closure orders are viewable upon request at the Supervisor's Office in Alamogordo.

The Sacramento Mountains attract visitors from across the nation. Sharing knowledge with visitors promotes a healthy forest and pleasurable experience for visitors and residents alike.

On a personal note, this marks my 6th year of

service as a law enforcement officer on the Lincoln. I would like to thank this entire mountain community for welcoming and embracing me so genuinely over the years. Eric Chavez and Javier Valles have recently joined our law enforcement team on the Lincoln National Forest. Please welcome them as warmly as you have me over the past years.

If you have any questions or concerns, call or stop by the Sacramento Ranger District. If you see smoke or have an emergency situation please call 911. If you see anything suspicious in or around the forest you may call the Sacramento Ranger Station at (575) 682-2551 or call law enforcement directly at (505) 452-7501. All individuals making reports will remain anonymous.

Remember to be respectful of the land, courteous to each other and above all stay safe!

Evening Lecture Series



The April 11th lecture, "Sharing the Forest with Wildlife," will be presented by Jason Kline with the NM Dept. of Game & Fish. The presentation will be 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Sacramento Ranger Station, #4 Lost Lodge Rd. in Cloudcroft.

Learn how to co-exist with our local wildlife. The lecture will focus primarily on bears and mountain lions, as well as the fawn/elk calf survival process.

Upcoming Lecture Series dates:

May 9th - Forest Trails & Hiking

June 13th - Area Observatories & Light Pollution

For additional information please call 575-682-2551.

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By J. Fink

FUN FACTS

Butterflies taste with their feet.



The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.



A snail can sleep for 3 years.



Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.



A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.



A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.



pinecone Prints

Next time you are out in the woods, pick up a couple of pinecones. They make wonderful impression tools! Roll out some modeling clay and press different kinds of pinecones into it. They leave very interesting patterns and the designs will change based on the age and species of the cone!



April is National Kite Month!

- ⇒ Always fly kites in an open area where there are no obstacles.
- ⇒ Avoid areas near trees and houses. You could lose your kite or cause serious property damage.
- ⇒ Never fly near a highway or a busy street. You won't want to run into traffic to retrieve a downed kite, and airborne kites can be distracting to drivers.
- ⇒ Most importantly, never fly near high wires. You could be seriously injured if your kite touches the lines.

Happy Flying!