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MOTOR VEHICLE USE RESTORED IN THE CAJA DEL RIO AREA OF THE SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST

SANTA FE, NM—November 14, 2013—The Caja del Rio area in the Española Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest is now open to motor vehicle use. The area had been closed to motor vehicles since September 27, 2013, due to extensive damage from heavy rainfall.

Repairs are now complete on a segment of the road that had washed out. Although the road is now passable, some portions of the road remain deeply rutted and rough and require a high clearance vehicle. Should this area receive rainfall or snow you will need a four wheel drive to get through.

Please tread lightly in this area to prevent further resource damage, especially to area roads and adjacent grasslands, which can easily rut. Avoid driving around ruts which results in habitat destruction, excessive erosion, and unacceptable road damage.

For information on all Santa Fe National Forest closure orders and restrictions, please visit our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/santafe.

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