



U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands
Sandia Ranger District
Area Closure for Cedro 4 Project Area South of Forest Road 462

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.50(a) and (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area which is closed for public health and safety. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
2. Being on a road or trail within the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e); 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Person with a Forest Service permit, contract or agreement specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA

This Closure Order includes the area shown in Exhibit A south of Forest Road 462. Roads included within this closure order are as follows:

- Forest Road 12 from its intersection with Forest Road 462 (northern end of the closure) to its intersection with Lone Pine Trail (southern end of the closure);
- Forest Road 13 from its intersection with Forest Road 462 (northern end of the closure) to just east of the intersection of Forest Road 13 and Cedro Peak Trail near Forest Road 252 (southern end of the closure).

Trails included within this Closure Order are as follows:

- Delbert's Trail from its intersection with Chamisoso Trail (southern end of the closure) to its intersection with Forest Road 13 (northern end of the closure).
- Mighty Mule Trail from its intersection with Forest Road 13 (northern end of the closure) to its intersection with Rattlesnake Trail (southern end of the closure).
- Rattlesnake Trail from its intersection with Forest Road 12 (southern end of the closure) to its intersection with the Meadow Ridge Trail (northern end of the closure).
- Meadow Ridge Trail from its intersection with Forest Road 13 (northern end of the closure) to its intersection with the Cedro Single Track Trail (southern end of the closure).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for the protection of public health and safety during mechanized thinning work in the Cedro 4 project area south of Forest Road 462 as specifically shown in Exhibit A.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from January 12, 2024, at 0600 through May 1, 2024, at 0600, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/cibola/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. §

551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

5. Contact the Sandia Ranger District in Tijeras, NM (505) 281-3304, and Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands Supervisor's Office in Albuquerque, NM (505) 346-3900, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on January 12, 2024.

Deputy Forest Supervisor
Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands