



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST  
CUBA RANGER DISTRICT  
Forest Road-533, 98-A and 98 CLOSURE**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) roads in the Cuba Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Roads”):

1. Operating motorized vehicles on the Described Road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. 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).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Landowners who need to cross NFS lands or roads in the closure area in order to access their private property.

**DESCRIBED ROADS**

- Specifically, the Described Roads includes all of Forest Road-98 and Forest Road 98-A from NM State Highway-126 to its junction with Forest Road-533 as depicted on the map as Exhibit A

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety and the safety of the general public while the State of New Mexico conducts repairs to State Highway-126, specifically drilling operations which will necessitate blockage of access to Forest Road-98 at State Highway-126 with heavy equipment.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 13, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. through September 30, 2024, at 12:00 a.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas/Roads/Trails, 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/santafe/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 Cuba Ranger District in Cuba, (575) 289-3264 Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office in Santa Fe, (505) 438-5300, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Roads

Signed and issued on 13 day of June 2024.

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