

Sandia Ranger District 2022 Outlook

- Fire Weather Outlook
- Fire Preparedness Information
- David Canyon Prescribed Burn Video Series
- Fuels Reduction project updates
- Recreation and other project updates by Julie



Seasonal Fire Outlook

Drought conditions

Fire Conditions

- Drought conditions:
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>
- Fire Conditions/ Status
<https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/index.htm>

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2022 APRIL MONTHLY SEASONAL OUTLOOK BRIEFING

PREDICTIVE SERVICES 

Valid: April 1, 2022



Fire Preparedness

https://www.nifc.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/National_Preparedness_Levels.pdf

- National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC), composed of wildland fire representatives from each wildland fire agency based at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), establishes Preparedness Levels throughout the calendar year to ensure suppression resource availability for emerging incidents across the country.
- Levels are dictated by fuel and weather conditions, fire activity, and fire suppression resource availability throughout the country.

Community Wildfire Preparedness

<https://facnm.org/wildfire-preparedness>

[News release March 2022 Wildfire Preparedness](#)

[EMNRD Ready, Set.... Go!](#)

[EMNRD living-with-fire-guide-new-mexico](#)

David Canyon RX Video Series

Cibola NF Fire Management



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What have we been working on 2021, now and coming soon!

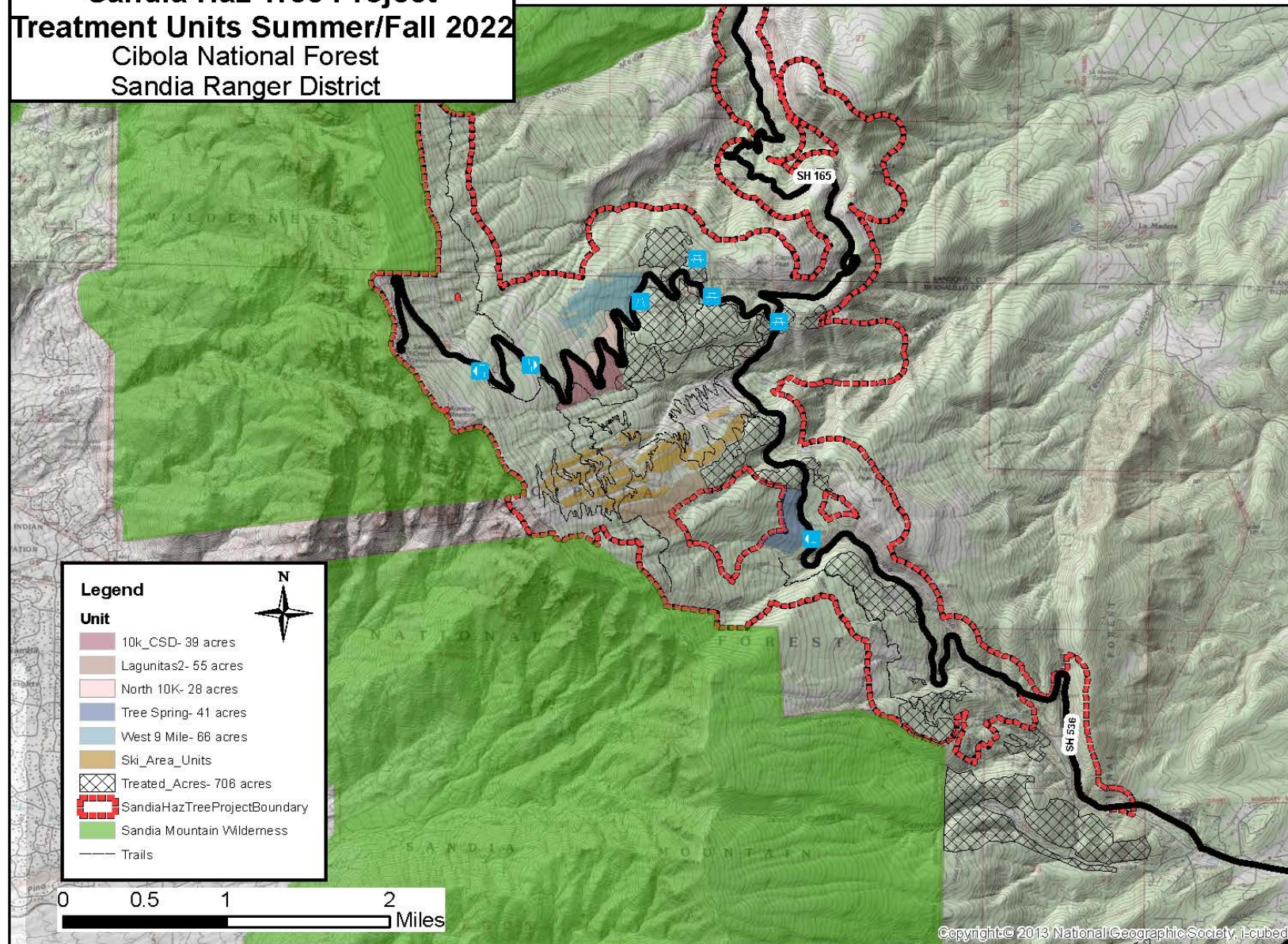
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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

- Sandia Hazard Tree and Thinning Project
- Cedro Landscape Restoration Project
- La Madera Restoration Project

Sandia Hazard Tree & Thinning Project

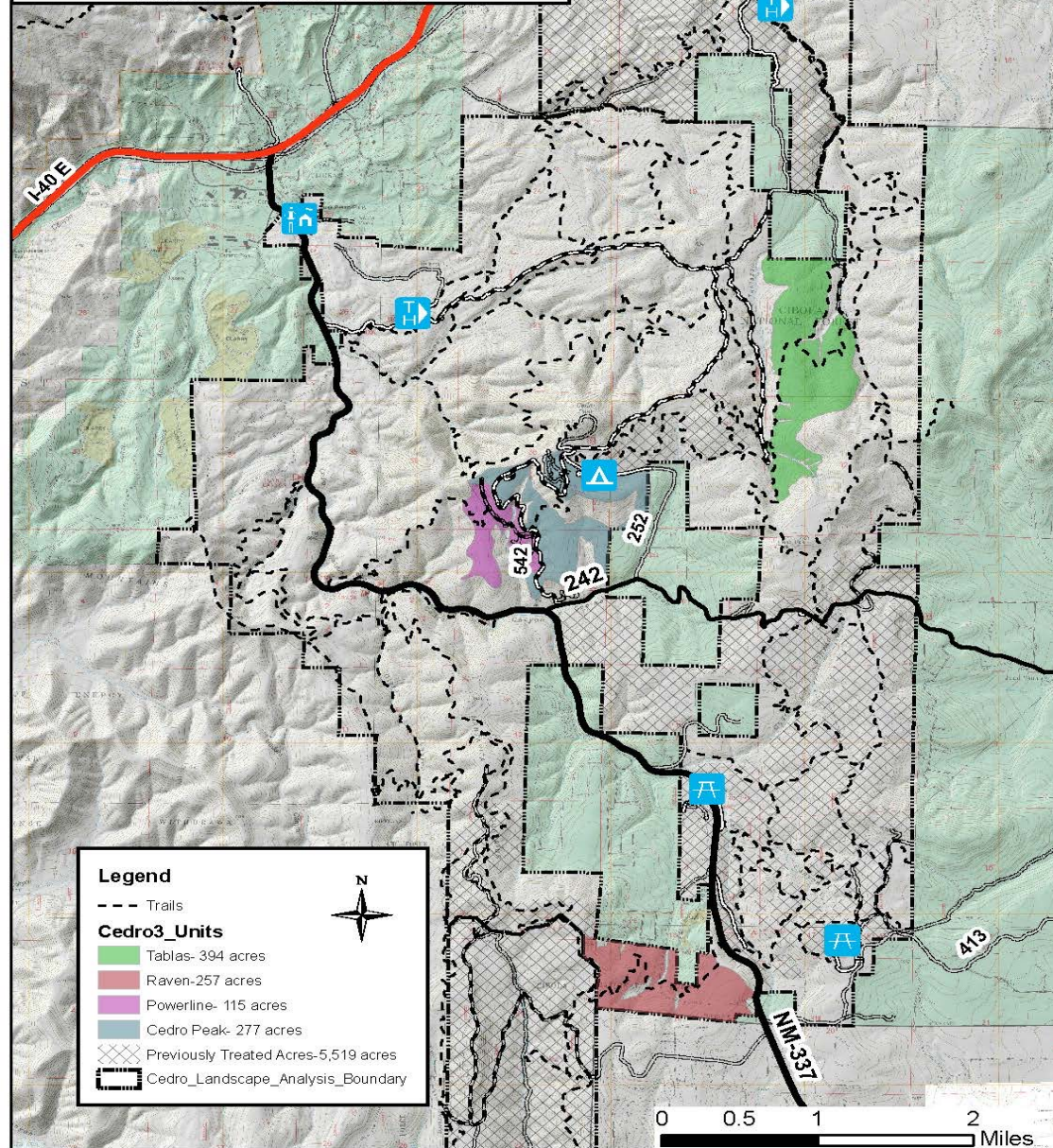
Sandia Haz Tree Project
Treatment Units Summer/Fall 2022
Cibola National Forest
Sandia Ranger District



Cedro Landscape Restoration



Cedro Landscape Restoration Project Treatment Units 2022 Sandia Ranger District Cibola National Forest



Recreation

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- Great American Outdoors Act
- Trails
- Forest Visitation Trends
- General projects

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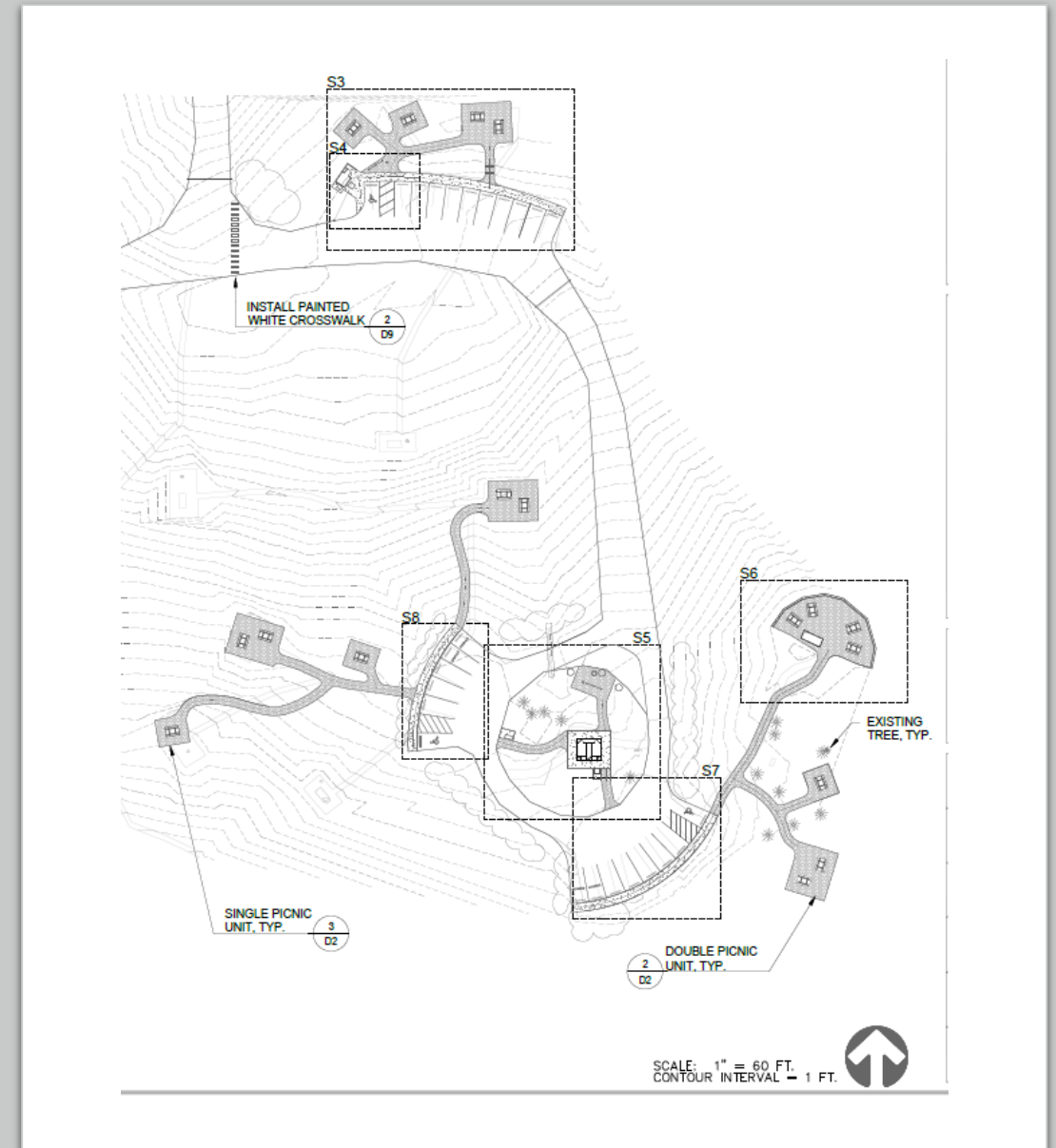
Great American Outdoors Act

Establishes the Legacy Restoration Fund

- Goal is to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance
- At least 65% of funds are to be spent on non-transportation assets
 - allowing use on recreation sites
- Projects should promote forest management; improve visitor experience; contribute to rural economic development; improve visitor access; ensure health and safety; leverage external resources
- Successful in receiving funding for two major projects

GAOA Nine Mile Picnic Area

- Closed for several years
- Funds will be used to completely renovate site
- FOSM members assisting with rockery work
- More large group picnicking options
- Access to Challenge trail
- Construction this summer TBD

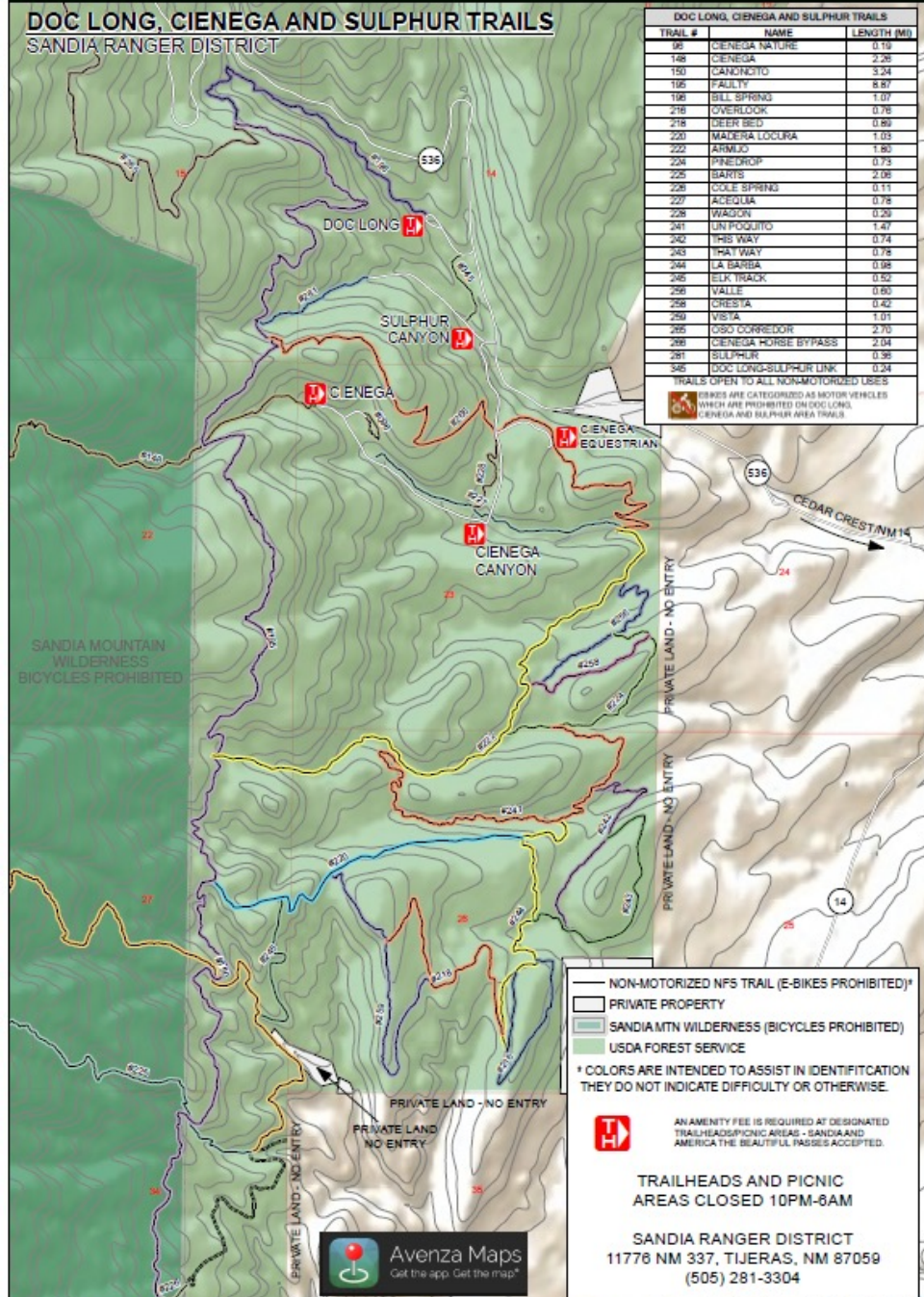


GAOA

Sandia Crest Recreation Area

- Has not been updated in many years
- Construction anticipated 2023
- Upgrades to site amenities
- Relocating upper restrooms to increasing scenic view
- Increased visitor signage and traffic flow
- Construction this summer TBD
- Design work currently under contract





Trail Program

Placitas Area

- Heavy focus on Placitas Area trails - Sandia Trails Improvement Project
- Significant work completed by FOSM's Thursday Trail crew and Placitas Area Trails Association

Foothills Area

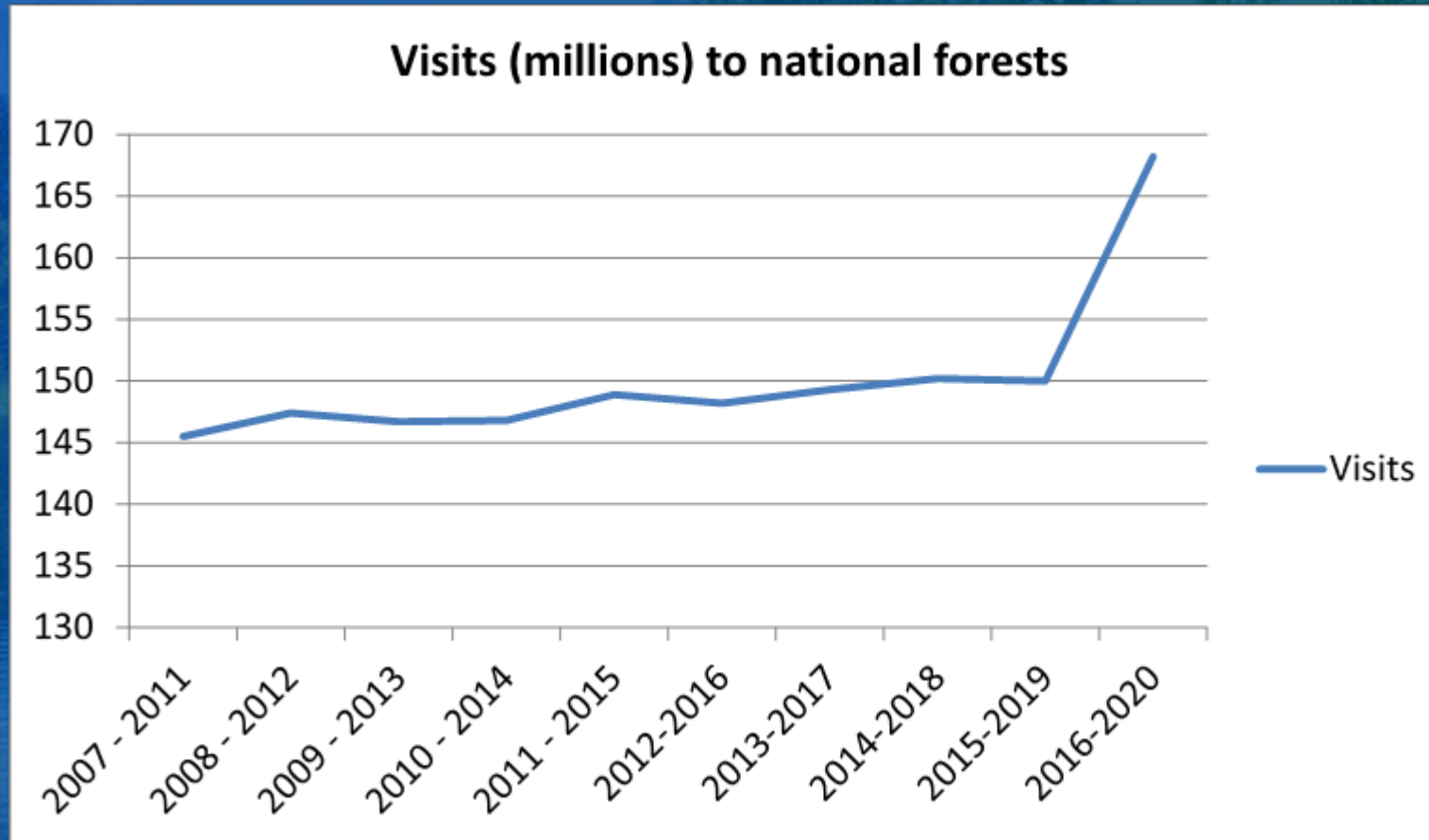
- 505 Cycling/Sport Systems assisting with re-routes

Palomas Area

- NM Craig assisting with Palomas Peak Trail re-routes

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National Forest Visitation



CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST

PICNIC IN JUAN TABO BASIN

HISTORIC LA CUEVA & JUAN TABO PICNIC GROUNDS

Here in the Juan Tabo Basin, enjoy two unique historic picnic areas: La Cueva Picnic Ground and Juan Tabo Picnic Ground. Built from 1934-1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), these areas provide much to explore. Picnic tables of various shapes and sizes sit nestled in the shade of gray oak stands, tucked beside massive granite boulders, or set on ridges with sweeping views of the Albuquerque Valley below. Make sure to visit the iconic rock shelters at each picnic ground to experience the unique 'Rustic Style' architecture of this period, and to gain commanding views of the surrounding landscape.



Accessible picnic areas (3) are available at La Cueva Picnic Ground, marked on the picnic ground map.

JUAN TABO PICNIC GROUND



INFORMATION

HISTORIC LA CUEVA & JUAN TABO PICNIC GROUNDS

FEES: Both La Cueva and Juan Tabo picnic grounds require a day pass fee. Pay online or at onsite pay stations (cash or check only).

PASSES: Cibola National Forest honors all America the Beautiful Passes. Purchase annual passes for \$20 at the Albuquerque RD, the Sandia Ranger Station, and the Cibola Supervisor's Office.

ALCOHOL: Alcohol is not permitted at either picnic ground.

TRASH: Help keep the picnic ground beautiful for the next visitor. Please throw all containers prohibited for this purpose, or take it with you.

DAY USE ONLY - OPEN SUN

LA CUEVA PICNIC GROUND



Visitor Information

Increased focus on Education and Outreach

Volunteer Program
Staffing changes

Recreation Amenity Fee

Crest House Ownership
Change

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THANK YOU!

Questions?

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