



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cibola

National Forest & National Grasslands

Friends of Sandia Mountains
General Membership Meeting



MISSION

Sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

MOTTO

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Serving People

April 7, 2026

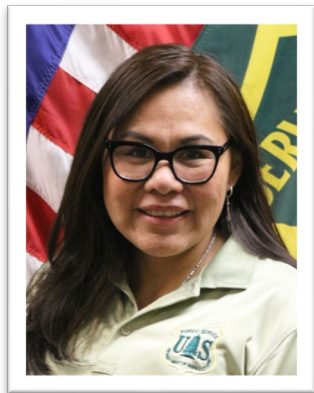
Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands



Heidi McRoberts, Forest Supervisor

McRoberts has been the Forest Supervisor on the Cibola for the last two years and previously held the position of Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Kootenai National Forest in northwest Montana and northeast Idaho. She provided leadership and was responsible for all aspects of managing the forest's vast resources of 2.2 million acres of National Forest System Lands. Her prior land management experiences were on the Umatilla National Forest in Pendleton, Oregon and the Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forests in Idaho. McRoberts spent 22 years working for the Nez Perce Tribe, including 10 years as the Deputy Director for the Department of Fisheries Resource Management/Watershed Division. McRoberts holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Dubuque in Iowa, a master's degree in Fisheries Resources and PhD in Natural Resources, both from the University of Idaho.

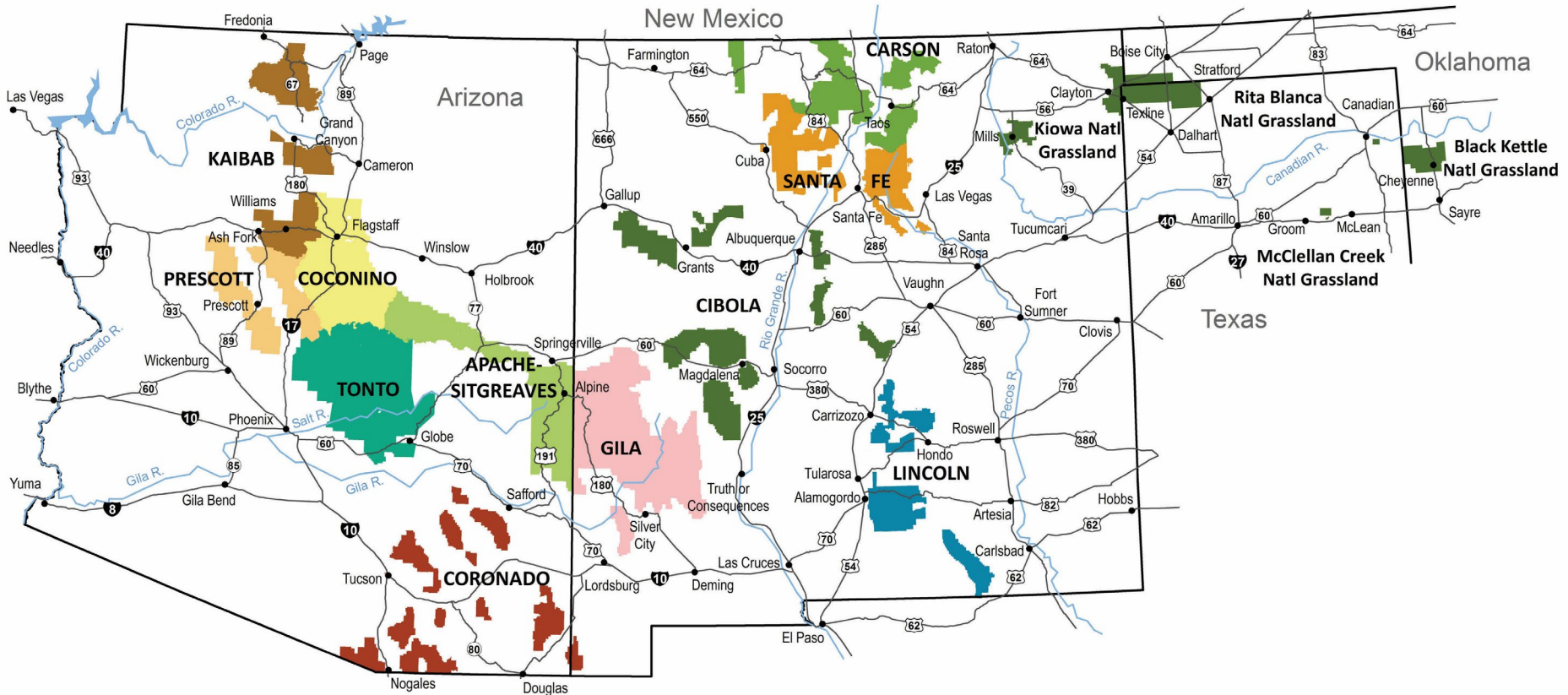
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Yolynda Begay, Deputy Forest Supervisor

Yolynda has worked for the US Forest Service since May 2010. Formally, she has served as the Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager for the Southwestern Regional Office 2015-2019 and as the Mount Taylor District Ranger 2019-2022. Yolynda earned her master's degree in Community and Regional Planning and Bachelor of Criminology from the University of New Mexico. Yolynda is a proud member of the Navajo Nation. yolynda.begay@usda.gov o: 505-346-3890

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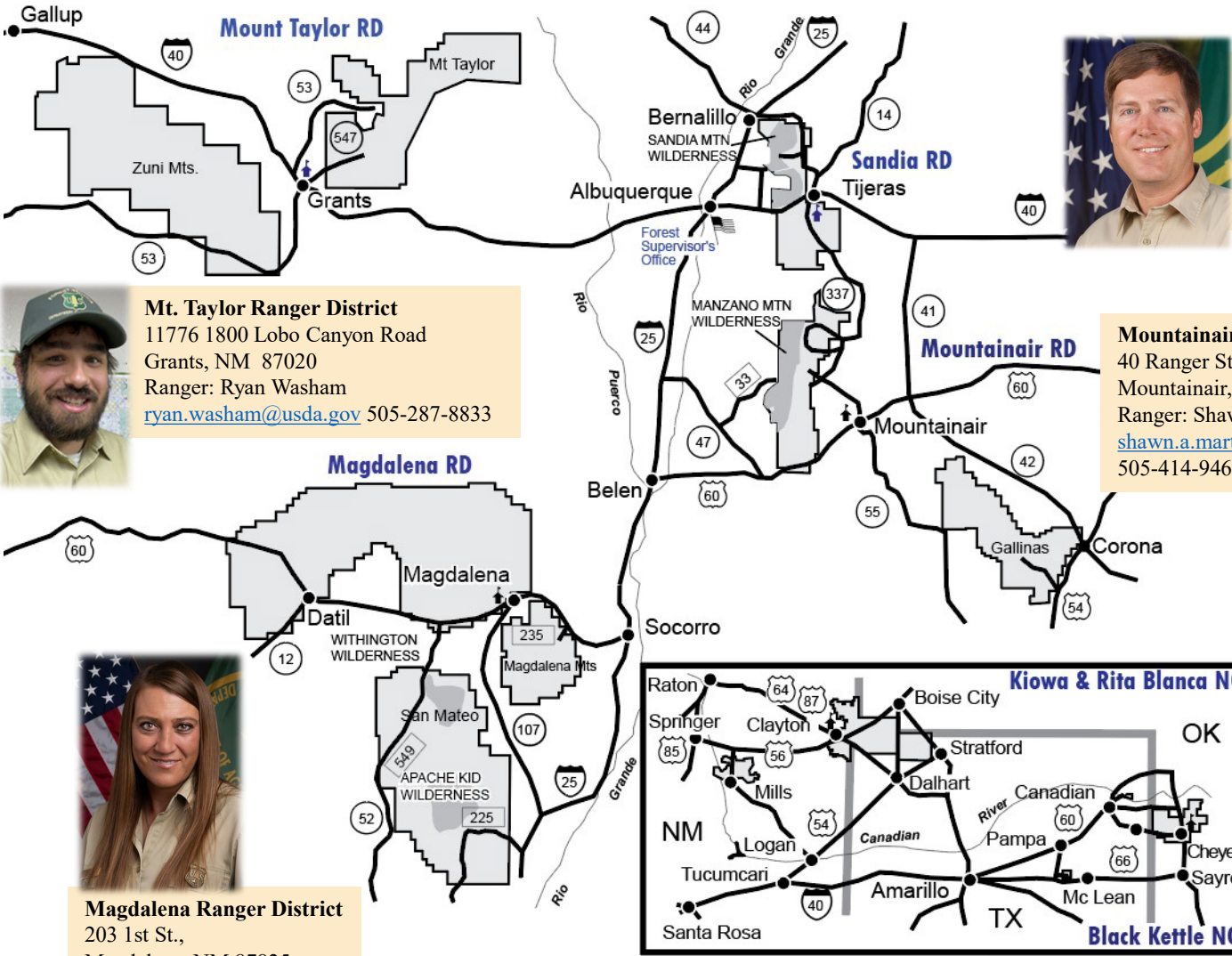
The **Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands** are 1.9 million acres located in New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma.

The 4 forest mountain districts cover more than 1.6 million acres in New Mexico with elevation range from 5,000 ft. to 11,301 ft.

The Cibola also administers four National Grasslands which cover 263K acres in northeastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma and northern Texas.



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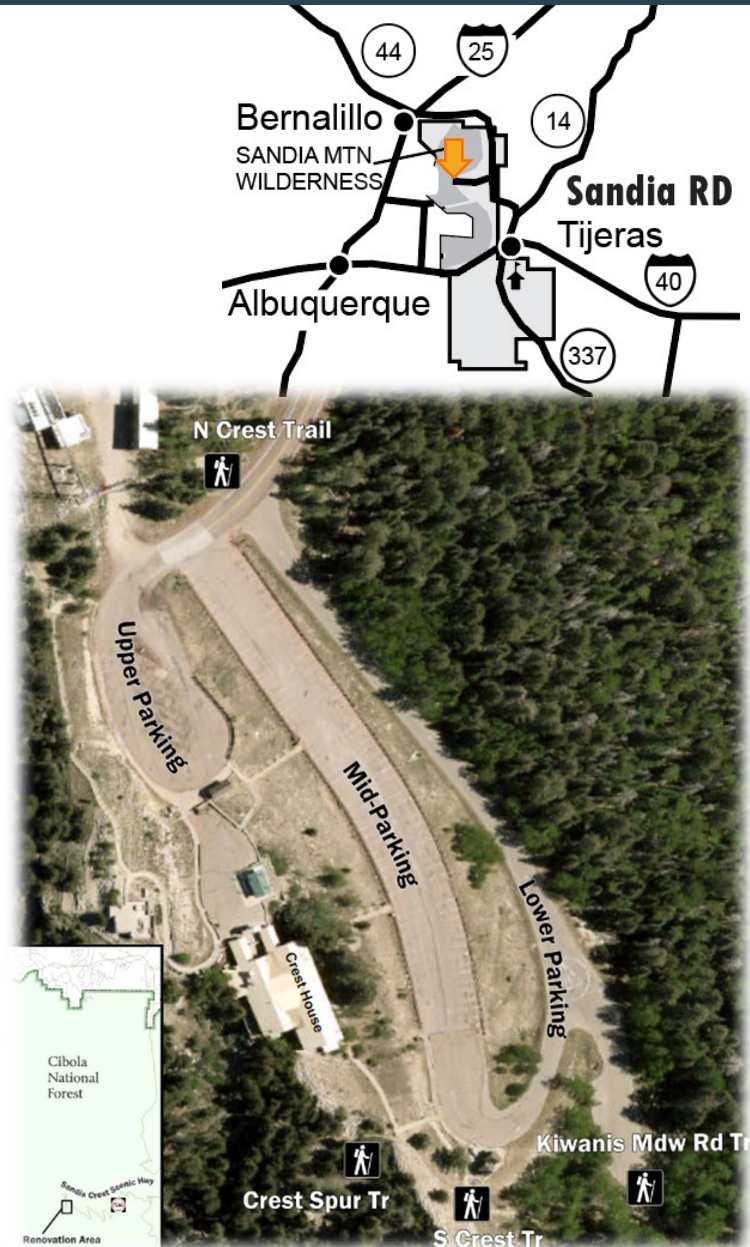
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Sandia Crest Recreation Area Renovation

Through funding from the Great American Outdoors Act, the Sandia Crest Recreation Area will be renovated to serve visitors for generations to come.

After decades of extreme weather at over 10,000 ft elevation and millions of visitors, the facilities have reached the end of their useful life.

Project is a comprehensive reconstruction of 10.4 ac of deteriorated infrastructure at one of our State's most visited recreation sites.



Sandia Crest Recreation Area Renovation

We're repaving and redesigning the entire parking area, reconstructing every walkway, ramp, and stairway, rebuilding all observation decks with modern railings, installing new vault toilets, and creating additional viewing points. Everything will meet current accessibility and universal design standards.

Project will be occurring across two construction seasons -

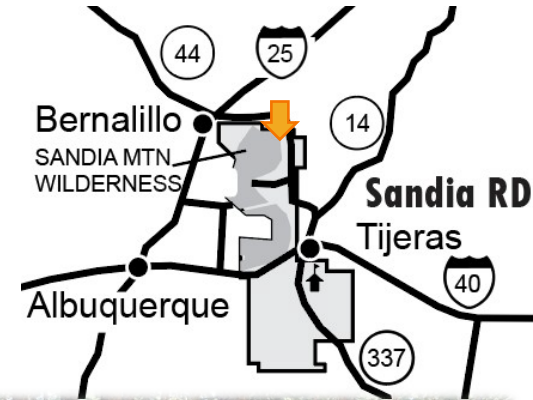
- Phase 1: Crest House Demolition and Site Preparation (spring-fall 2026)
- Phase 2: Complete Reconstruction (spring-fall 2027)



Sandia Crest “Switchback” Hazard Tree and Fuels Reduction Project

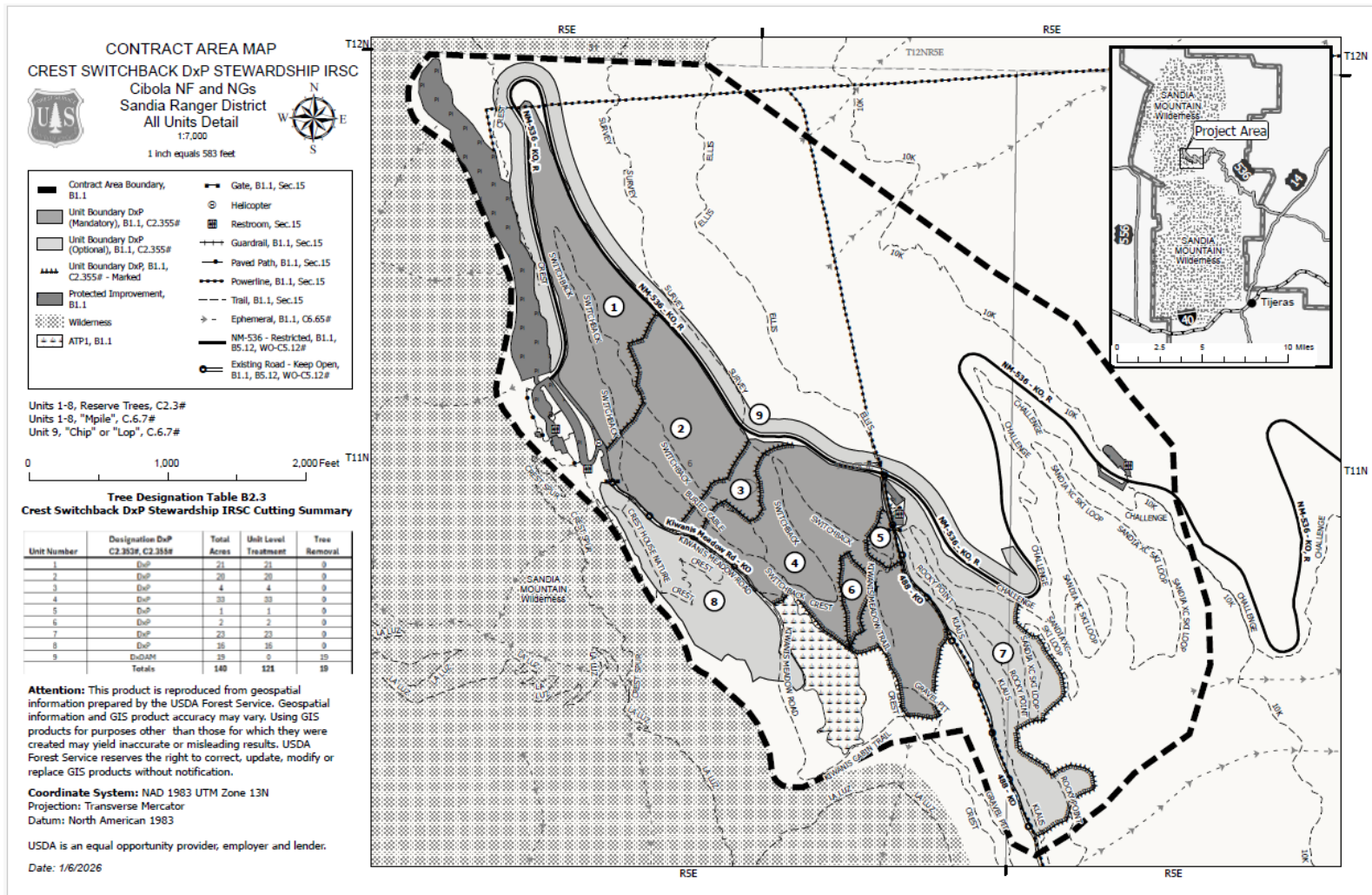
This project will treat up to 140 acres of National Forest land, removing hazard trees and implementing vegetation thinning treatments to promote forest health and resilience.

The Forest Service has committed over \$1.1 million to complete this work as a Stewardship Contract—protecting both public safety and critical infrastructure that serves our entire region.



“Switch- back” Project Area

The
project
area
contains
nine
treatment
units



“Switchback” Fuels Reduction Project

Treatments consists of mechanical forest thinning, debris removal and disposal, and machine piling slash.

Debris removal and disposal includes the removal of downed woody material. Machine piling will include organizing slash and material into piles not meeting removal specifications.

Project also includes felling and removing hazard trees along the Crest Highway.



Estimated Project Windows

“Switchback” Fuels Reduction Project: Spring-Fall 2026

Sandia Crest Recreation Area Renovation – Phase 1: Spring-Fall 2026

Sandia Crest Recreation Area Renovation – Phase 2: Spring-Fall 2027



Timelines subject to change based on weather, contractor availability, fire restrictions and closures, etc.



Forest Area Closures

Work in the “Switchback” project area will require heavy machinery and log trucks to remove accumulated fuels safely. Because of this, and because we cannot mix recreation with active fuels reduction operations, we’re implementing a forest closure for the area while operations are taking place.

Construction activities associated with Phase 2 of the Sandia Crest Recreation Area Renovation will also result in future closures, to an area limited to the Recreation Area and immediate vicinity.



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands
Sandia Ranger District
Area Closure for the Sandia Crest Switchback Project Area**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §§ 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following are 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 within the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)**
3. Being on a trail within the Described Area. **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

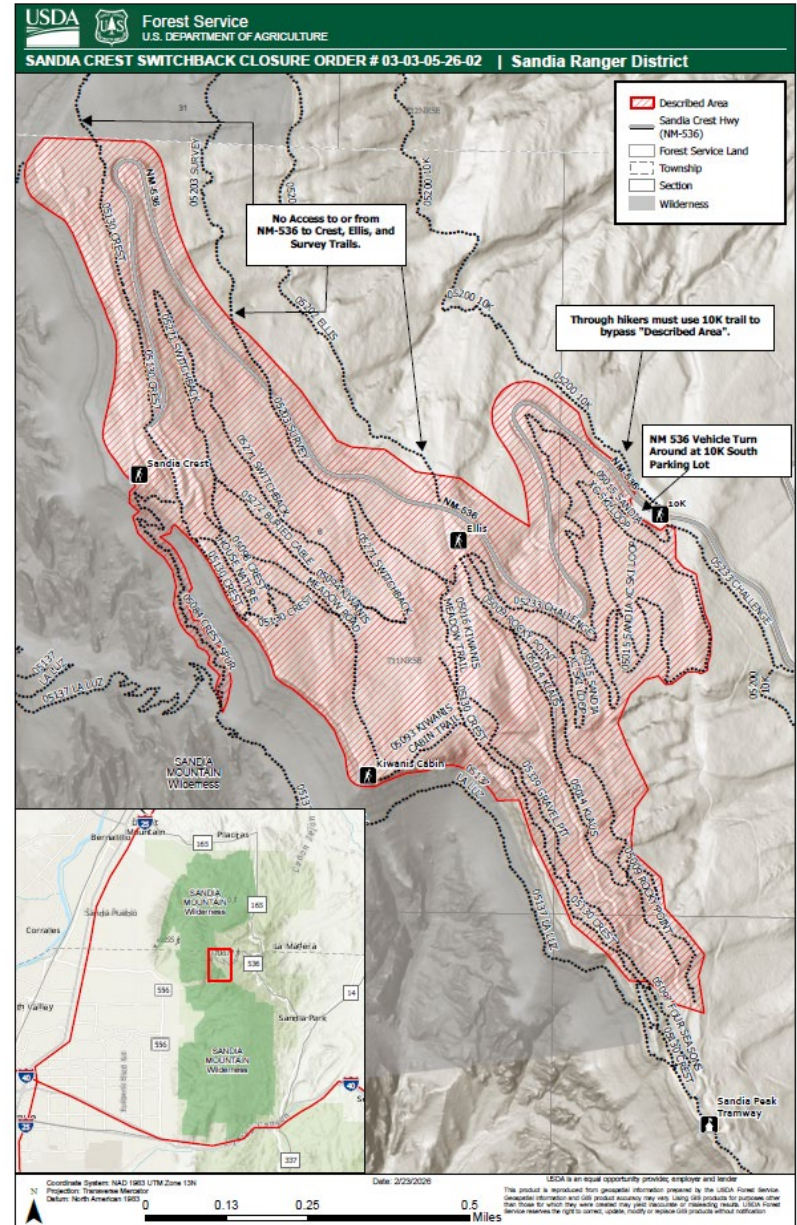
This Closure Order includes the area shown in Exhibit A, Switchback Crest project area along the NM-536. Parking Areas and Trails included within this closure order are as follows:

- Sandia Crest parking lots (Crest House, Upper, and Lower parking lots).



“Switchback” Area Closures

- Sandia Crest Recreation Area and Ellis Trailhead parking lot
- 10K Trailhead parking lot (south)
- Multiple trails including Challenge Trail, sections of the Crest Trail, Crest Spur Trail, Ellis Trail, FSR 488, Four Seasons Trail, Gravel Pit Trail, Kiwanis Cabin Trail, and others in immediate project area.
- La Luz Trail will remain open to the Sandia Peak Tramway, and the tram will continue operating. However, hikers coming up La Luz will not be able to access the Crest Trail or Crest Recreation Area during closures.



“Switchback” Forest Area Closures

- NM-536 will be closed two miles from top of Crest, just beyond 10K Trailhead (mile marker 11)
- Type III barricades will be used to block travel lanes and will be manned during active operations
- Vehicles will be directed to turnaround at 10k Trailhead parking lot
- Trailheads, trail junctions, and select locations on trail leading into the Closure Area will also be signed and/or barricaded



“Switchback” Forest Area Closure Exemptions

- LEOs, firefighters, SAR org members in performance of an official duty are Exempt from Closure
- Some special use permit holders will be issued an Exemption to the Closure and will be allowed to access into the Closure Area
- Permit holders and their representatives:
 - Must have a FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order) on their possession.
 - Must coordinate with flag person(s) for safe passage into Closure Area.
 - May go into Closed Area afterhours (when ops are not active) at their own risk. NM-536 will be left clear; however, road barricades will need to be moved to allow vehicles through.

USDA Forest Service FS-7700-48 (v09/2018)
OMB No. 0596-0016 (exp. 11/30/2019)

**PERMIT FOR USE OF ROADS, TRAILS, OR AREAS
RESTRICTED BY REGULATION OR ORDER**
Authority: 16 U.S.C. 532-538

For Official Use Only	DATE OF APPLICATION
	Mar 10, 2026
1. PERMIT HOLDER	
NAME	Sandia Crest Communication Site Authorized Agents
ADDRESS	Sandia Crest, New Mexico
EMAIL	
2. DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED ROADS, TRAILS, OR AREAS	
See attached Authorization Letter for a full list of restricted areas.	
DATES OF AUTHORIZED USE	AUTHORIZED MOTOR VEHICLE CLASSES AND NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES
May 15, 2026 - Jan 15, 2027	No Restriction
3. DESCRIPTION OF AUTHORIZED USES OTHERWISE PROHIBITED	
N/A - Only uses already authorized for each permittee will continue to be authorized.	
4. CONDITIONS OF USE	
a. Authorized uses are subject to all the permit terms and conditions on page 2.	
b. The following additional conditions of use apply:	
None.	
c. The following attachments are included as additional conditions of this permit:	
1. Sandia Crest Switchback Closure Order #03-03-05-26-02	
2. Letter of Authorization - Special Uses Permittee Access through Sandia Hazard Tree & Thinning Maintenance Project & Road Closure Order	
3. A map identifying the described area	



“Switchback” Forest Area Closure Exemptions

- Individuals with an Exemption are responsible for their own safety while in the Closed Area
- The Forest Service, nor the Contractors, can coordinate all needed access with Authorized Users
- Do not go near active operations or heavy equipment. Be sure operators see you!
- Stop vehicles at least 250 ft from active operations and wait to be escorted or given a signal to proceed
- Cell Phone Service is not guaranteed and is spotty
- For emergencies, call 911
- If issues arise, contact any of the Forest Service contacts listed at the end of this presentation



How are we getting the word out?

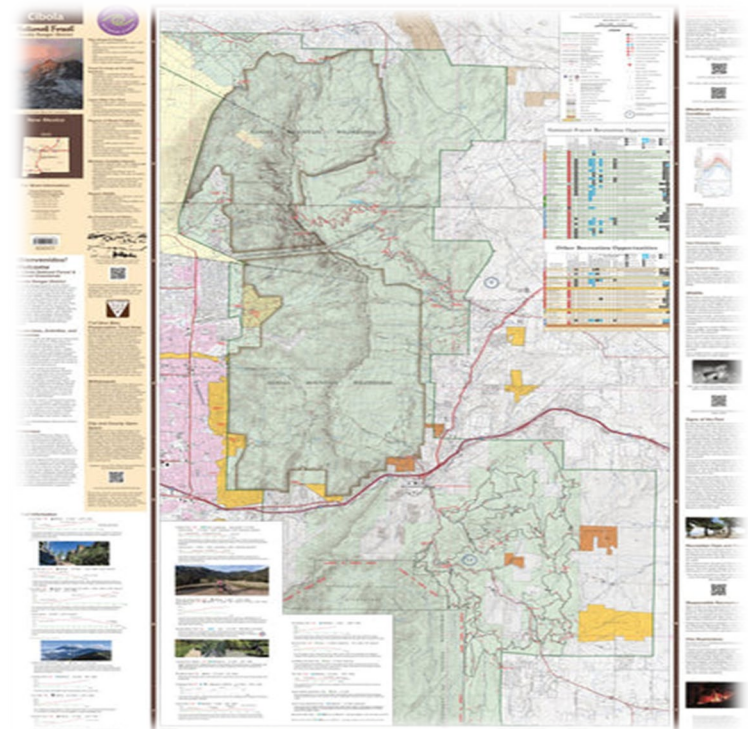
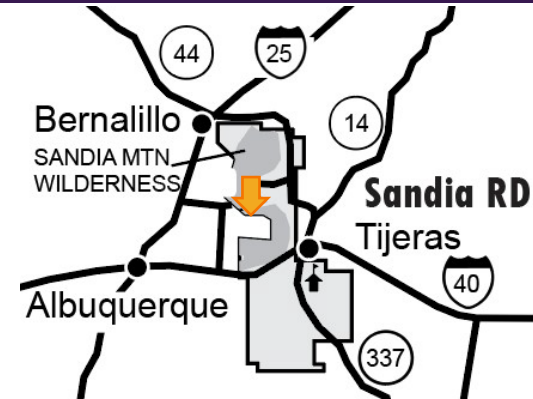
- News Event – Project Kickoff
- News Releases – Project Kickoff
- Stakeholder Meetings – Project Kickoff
 - Special use permit holders
 - Emergency services/law enforcement
 - Local/state governments, recreation agencies and orgs, tourism agencies and orgs
 - Partner groups (multiple)
- District Open House – Project Kickoff
- News Releases – Project Milestones
- Tribal Consultations
- Re-Opening Communication Campaign

Project website will be updated throughout project duration

Foothills Trails Planning Overview

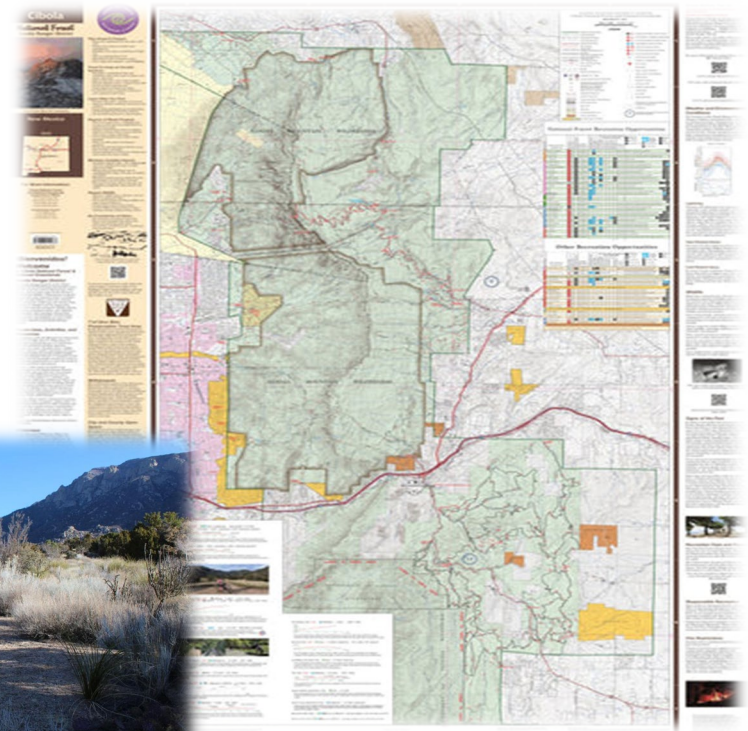
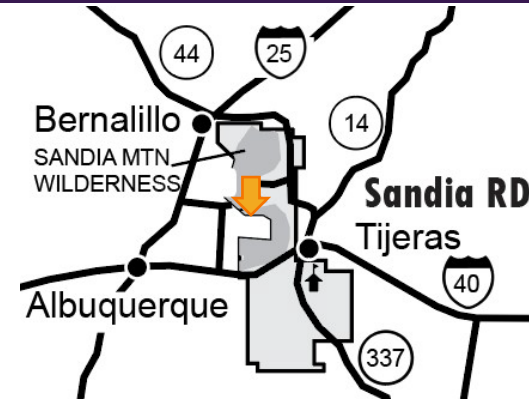
Key Objectives:

- Develop a sustainable trails system in the Sandia foothills that accommodates growing recreational demand while protecting natural and cultural resources
- Explore opportunities for e-bike use on NFS trails to connect with existing opportunities provided within Albuquerque Open Space Areas
- Reduce proliferation of unauthorized user-created trails through strategic expansion of designated trail system
- Balance multi-use recreation opportunities across diverse user groups including hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and e-bike users
- Address user conflicts through strategic trail design and management



Foothills Trails Planning Overview

- Current Conditions Assessment
 - Trails inventory
 - Resource analysis
 - Current use patterns
- Future stakeholder engagement
 - Open houses
 - Interactive Web Mapping and GIS Story Maps
- Planning and environmental compliance
- Foothills Trails Management Plan

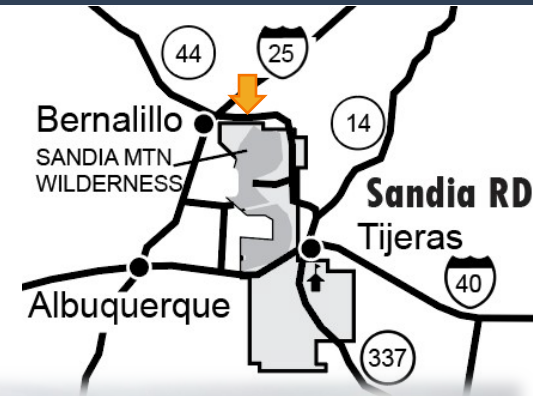


Forest Service Road 445 / Placitas Area

- \$10,000 in boulders placed along FSR 445 to prevent parking off road and keep drivers within designated parking areas
- All faded signs have been replaced

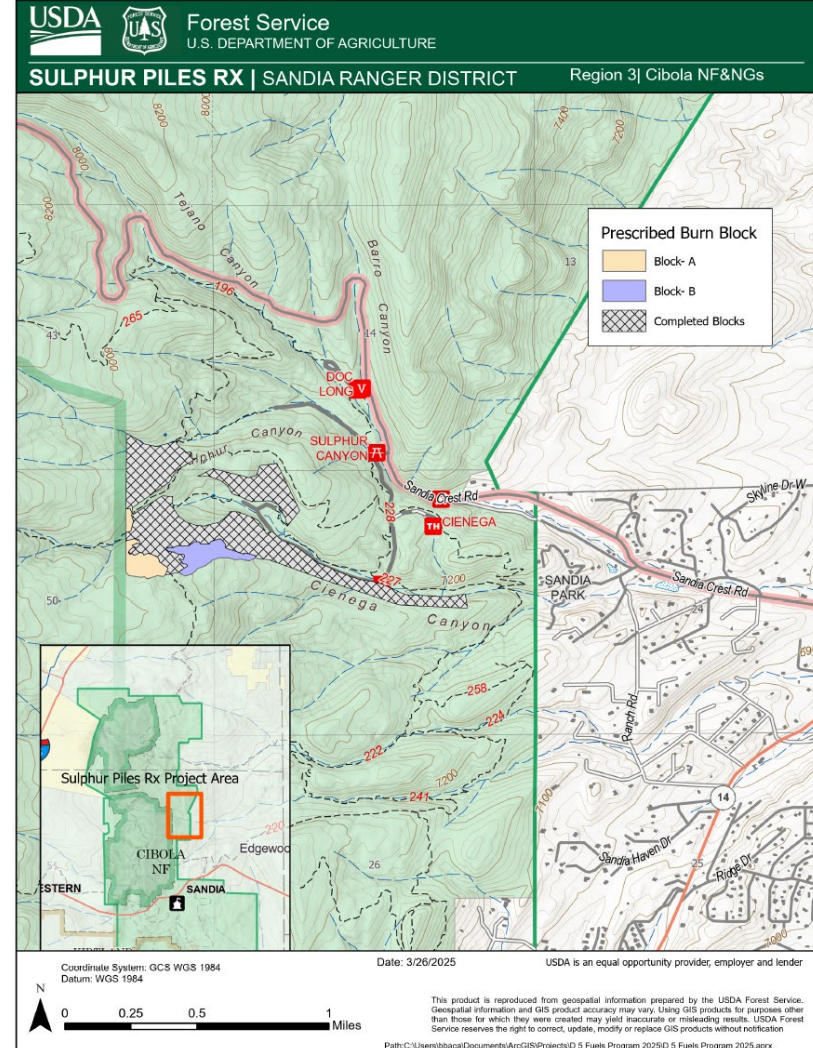
Other near-term actions include:

- Additional boulder, bollard, and sign installations
- Forest closure order to formally prohibit camping, campfires, and other activities which impact public safety and create resource damage
- Potential formalization of a limited # of parking areas alongside FSR445, expansion/hardening of main parking area, creation of fee site (see Trails Planning slides)



Sulphur Piles Rx

- Location: Cienega Canyon
- Project dates: 11/16/24, 12/9/25
- Objective: Reduce the understory density, fuel loading, and ladder fuels in Ponderosa pine
- Acres treated: 12 & 20
- Notes:
 - Pile burns are now complete in this area. Future broadcast burns are planned in future outyears.

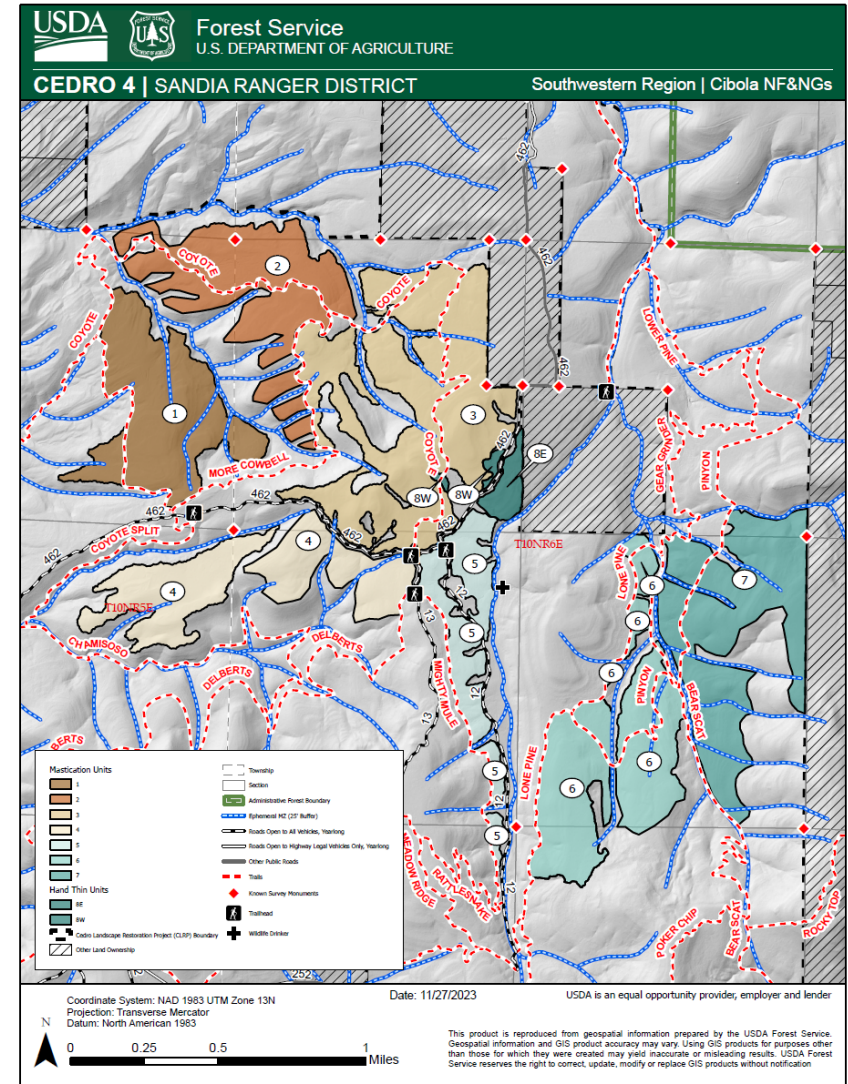


Sulphur Piles Rx



Cedro 4 Landscape Restoration Project

- Location: North/south of FSR 462
- Treatment dates: 1/12/24-5/22/25
- Objective: Reduce likelihood of uncharacteristic wildfire
- Acres treated: 910.7
- Notes:
 - Mastication and hand thinning in Pinyon/Juniper
 - EMNRD - Cost Share Agreement
 - Hand thinning included 18.5 acres

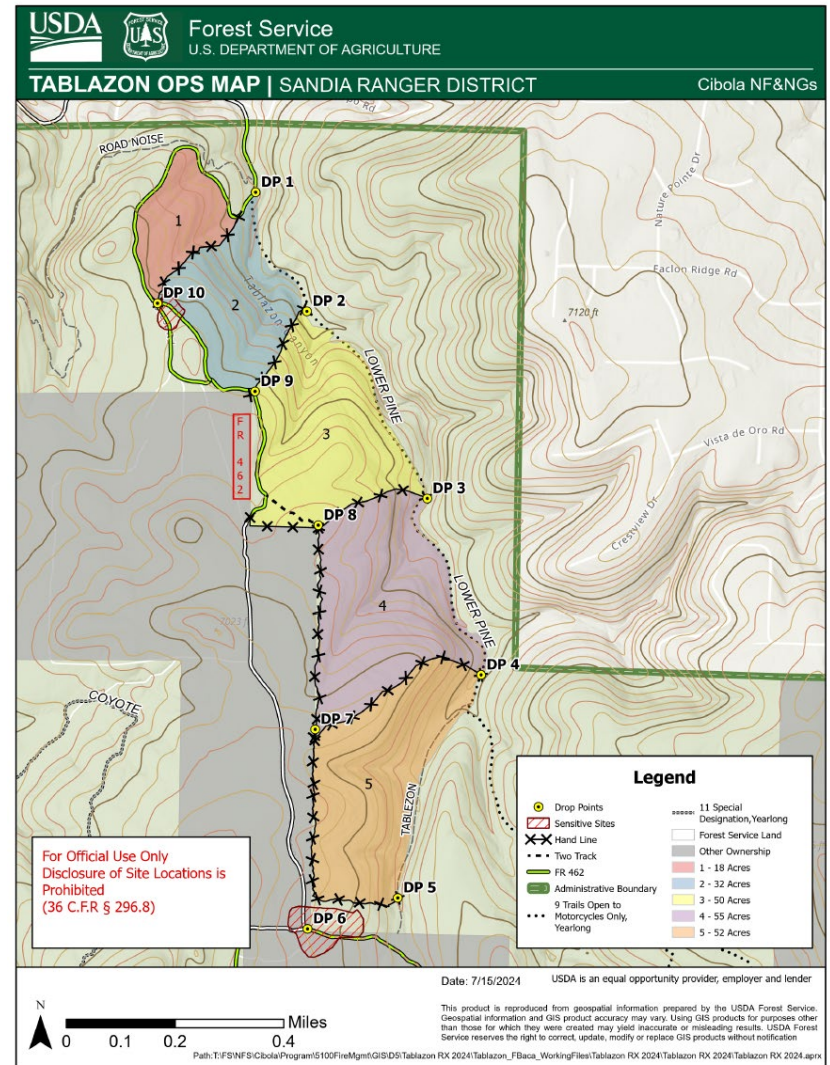


Cedro 4 Landscape Restoration Project



Tablazon Broadcast Rx

- Location: East of FSR 462
- Project dates: 10/31-11/1/24
- Objective: Reduce fuel loadings/raise the canopy cover base to reduce the likelihood of a crown fire
- Acres treated: 189
- Notes:
 - Project aimed to reduce wildfire threat to neighboring private properties
 - 1st broadcast burn on Sandia RD since 2017

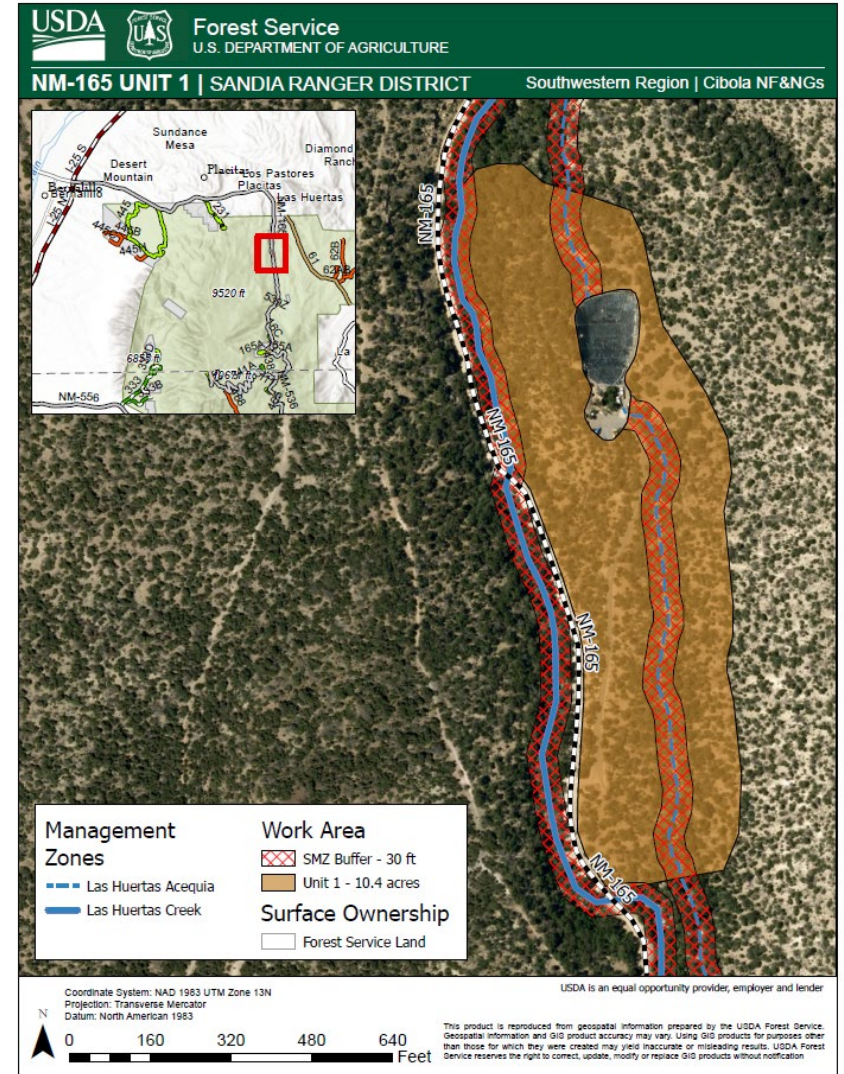


Tablazon Broadcast Rx



Las Huertas Canyon/NM-165 – Unit 1

- Location: South of Placitas
- Treatment dates: 11/25 – Present
- Objective: Reduce the risk of hazardous fuels within the NM-165 corridor for public safety
- Treatment area size: 10.4 ac
- Acres treated: <2 ac
- Notes:
 - Project led by Santa Ana Tribal Crew
 - Fuelwood offered through free use authority to Pueblos and Land Grant
 - Slash management a challenge

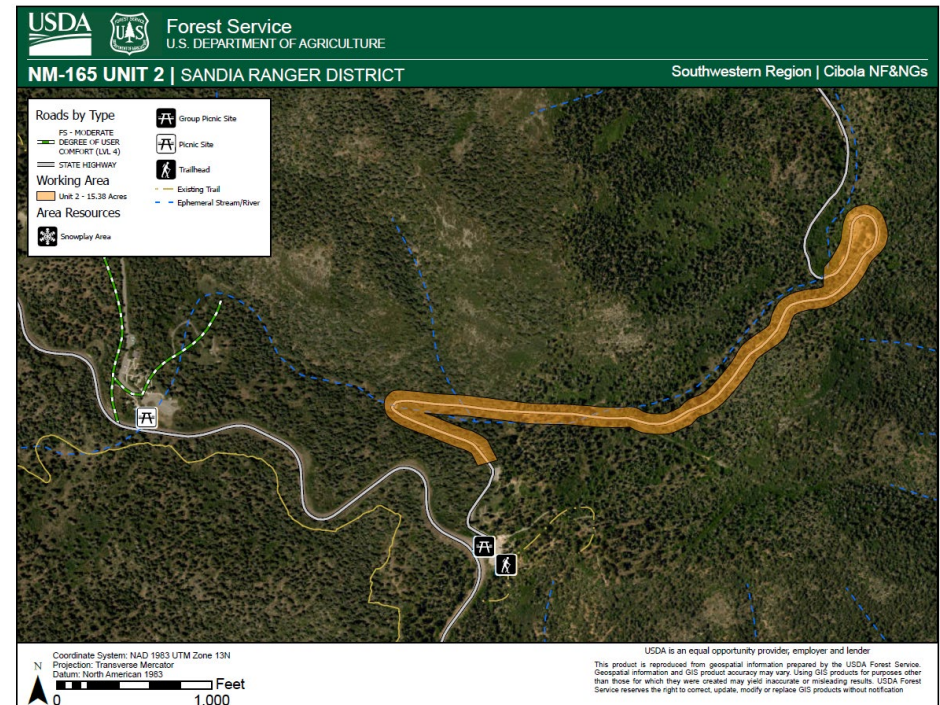


Las Huertas Canyon/NM-165 – Unit 1



Las Huertas Canyon/NM-165 – Unit 2

- Location: Below Balsam Glade Recreation Site and extending along the NM-165 for 1 mile
- Treatment date: 11/25 – Present
- Objective: Reduce the risk of hazardous fuels within the NM-165 corridor for public safety by hand thinning
- Treatment area size: 15.38 ac
- Acres treated: 2
- Notes:
 - Project currently supported by Mt. Taylor Hot Shots
 - Felling targeting hazard trees and snags and will be ongoing as resources become available

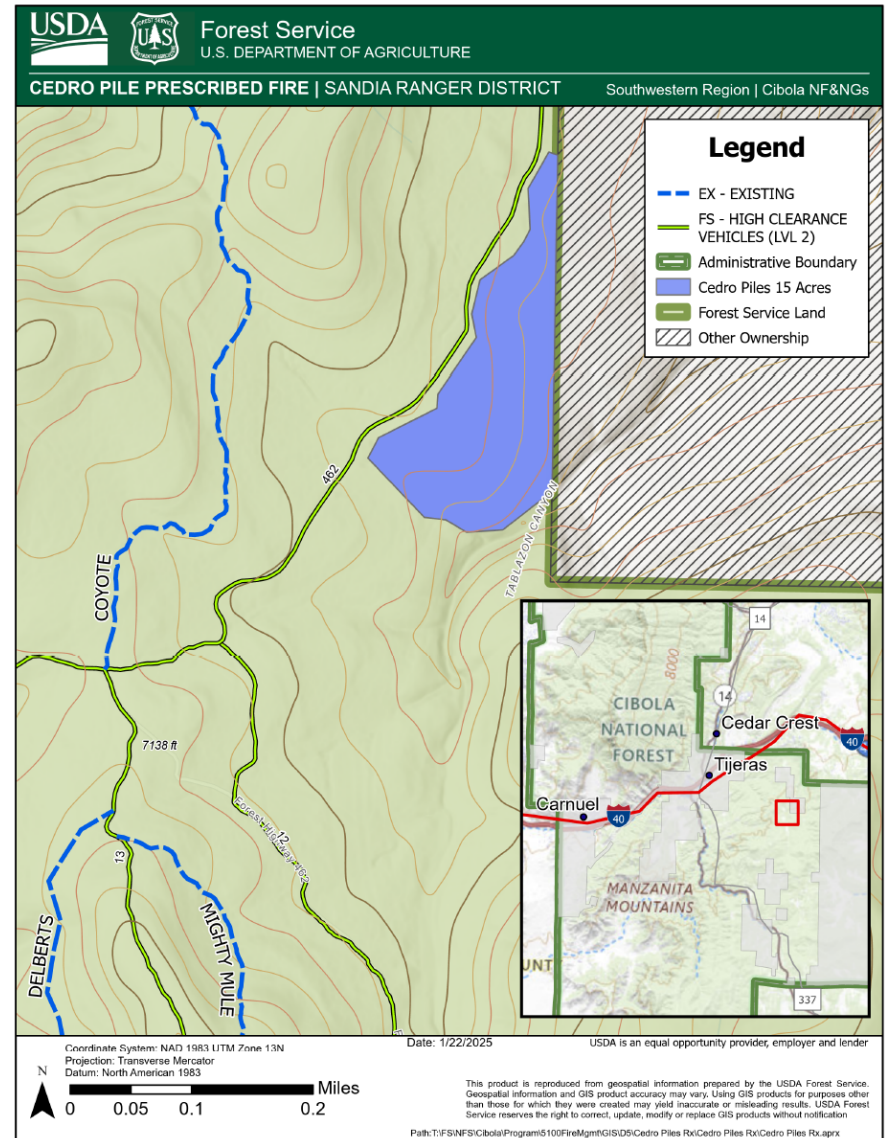


Las Huertas Canyon/NM-165 – Unit 2



Cedro Piles Rx

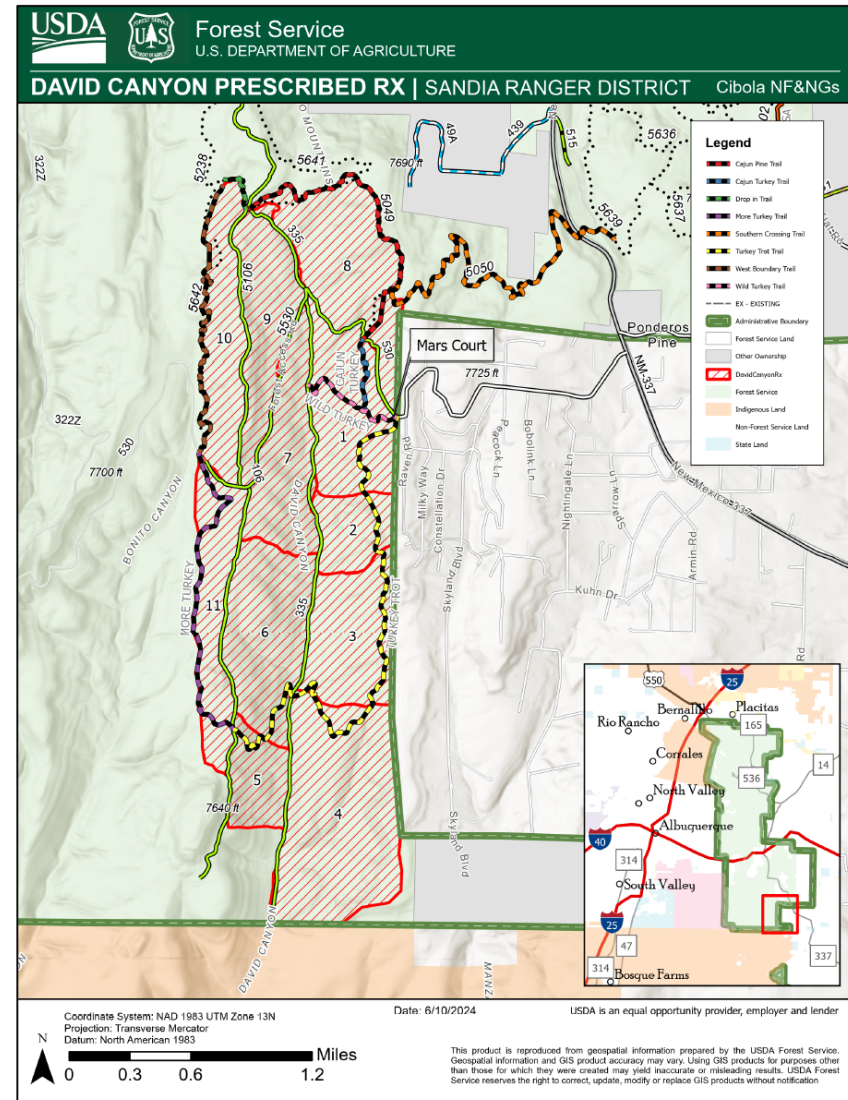
- Location: FSR 462
- Treatment dates: Late 2026
- Objective: Reduce wildfire risk by removing woody debris (slash) left from Cedro 4 project
- Acres treated: 15
- Notes:
 - Piles built during Cedro 4 project within Hand Thin units



David Canyon Broadcast Rx – Units 1 & 2

Location: West of Raven Rd/Mars Ct Trailhead

- Treatment dates: TBD - dependent on weather/conditions
- Objective: Hazardous Fuel Reduction; Community Protection; Forest Health & Ecosystem Restoration; Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
- Acres to be treated: 285
- Notes:
 - Limited burn windows have been a barrier to project implementation



FOSM Support for Tijeras Pueblo Archaeological Site and Museum

- Volunteer Recruitment
- Website & Communication Support
- Museum Docent & Staffing
- Museum, Site, and Event Promotion and Advertisement
- Interpretive and Pollinator Gardens
- Trail Maintenance
- Erosion Control and Invasive Species Management
- Kiosks & Signage
- Nature Interpretation
- Birdhouse Maintenance & Inspection



Challenge Cost Share Agreement Update

- The primary purpose of a Forest Service Challenge Cost Share (CCS) agreement is to leverage non-Federal funding and resources to accomplish mutually beneficial projects on National Forest System (NFS) lands
- In February 2026, USDA made substantial changes to cooperative agreement requirements, with new general terms and conditions effective for all agreements
- Will revisit this process in upcoming months to align with new requirements



USDA, Forest Service

MUTUAL INTEREST AGREEMENT

Background:

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agreement is to document the cooperation between the parties, in accordance with the following statement of work and financial plan, to *describe project purpose*.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. THE COOPERATOR SHALL:

A.

IV. THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

A.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

A. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GENERAL TERMS AND

CONDITIONS. In accordance with Secretarial Memorandum 1078-021, the USDA General Terms & Conditions for Mutual Interest Agreements dated _____, and its implementing regulations, 2 CFR 400, apply to the Cooperator and any sub-awardees and/or sub-contractors under this agreement. These Departmental policies and regulatory requirements are incorporated by reference into this agreement as if fully set forth in this agreement and located at: https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/general-information/staff-offices/office-chief-financial-officer/federal-financial-assistance-policy/usda-general-terms-and-conditions?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

B. FOREST SERVICE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Forest Service General Terms & Conditions *Mutual Interest Agreement or Research and Development* dated _____, and its implementing regulations, apply to the Cooperator and any sub-awardees and/or sub-contractors under this agreement. These



2026 FOSM + Sandia RD Annual Project Highlights

- **Developed Recreation Maintenance:** Locust shelter roof (June), Tunnel Springs restroom roof, bollards at Juan Tabo (May)
- **Trail Work:** Armijo, Pokerchip, Pinyon, North Faulty, Capulin–Palomas connector (multi-year)
- **Signage + Mapping:** Kiosk maps, new signs for historic structures, Tijeras Pueblo sign updates
- **Vegetation management:** FR-333 brushing, hazard tree mitigation, slash chipping support
- **Wildlife:** Monitoring/repair of Piedra Lisa, Tablazon, Barro drinkers (spring field days)
- **Community engagement:** Event support, Little Free Library + FOSM space in Visitor Center (concepts approved)

FOSM Annual Project Work - 2026		PROJECT INFORMATION	CONTACTS	2026 FOSM ACTIONS	NOTES (1/17/26)
Community Outreach/youth events	Community Engagement	Coordination with youth groups like Boy Scouts/4H and Telling Taos Youth Crew. Local proposal to work with Rio School (closed on Sat school). Total of events (up to) and Mountain celebration FOSM's role. Cottonwood Classic HS would like volunteer projects - they volunteer for the annual snowflake race. Projects near the facilities. Family outreach events at the district in collaboration with FOSM - National Public Lands day. Make a Difference Day. Volunteers working in visitor center.	Julie Padilla Jou Herrera Jon Medina-Gray Caryn Young Sam Beard Julie Hestel	*FOSM will explore possibility of staffing volunteers at base of trail with Sandia Peak Tramway *FOSM will reach out membership on staffing volunteers at Doc Long, Tijeras Pueblo Museum *FS will continue to work with PLAN on their organization of the month events on Earth Day (April), National Public Lands Day (9/24/26), or separate day	PLM will help lead out on organizing events on National Public Lands Day, National Trails Day and/or National Outdoor Day, and can pull in FOSM volunteers if there is interest. In past, Earth Day events have been organized at district office, youth engagement component. Mike will identify point of contact through FOSM to support these events. Looked into Four Season staffing last year, but after Covid - pedestrians started away from visitor center they come through when they come back from the trail. No good plans to get volunteers currently. Has been hard to find FOSM volunteers. Opportunities at base of trail? Mike work has been done on Doc Long Interpretive Trail. Could ask for volunteers. FOSM needs more specifics, and can reach out to membership for both Doc Long, Tijeras Pueblo Museum, and base of trail. Plus area Earth Day event. Telling Taos will be on first three weeks of June, work TBD
National Trails Day	Community Engagement	Support National Trails Day event on first Saturday in June on both sides of mountain. They usually lead a project with Russell's group on the west side while Russell leads one on the east side.	Caryn Young Jon Medina-Gray Mike Hudson Ken Bon	*Caryn will take lead in organizing National Trails Day volunteer event (9/26) *FOSM will coordinate and seek approval for FS items on trail plans for Little Free Library. Concept approved	Caryn has all numerous brushing projects that would be candidates for National Trails Day. Cottonwood Classic has interest in late April. Caryn willing to help back. Rejection for youth use of equipment? Focused on getting concrete forms to construct binary 20' diameter. I think. One round for each, one round for visitors at a lower height. Mike will send message to CTR to look for deal and down trees that meet these specs. Mike has eye potential candidate there. Canyon can support project too.
Little Free Library at Sandia Ranger Station	Community Engagement	Construct and install Little Free Library near front entrance of Sandia Ranger Station	Mike Hudson Ken Bon	*FOSM will coordinate and seek approval with FS items on trail plans for Little Free Library. Concept approved	
Creation of FOSM space in Sandia Ranger Station visitor center area	Community Engagement	Create space in northwest corner of Ranger Station visitor center area dedicated to FOSM	Mike Hudson Ken Bon	*FOSM will coordinate and seek approval with FS items on trail plans for dedicated visitor center. Concept approved.	
Graffiti Busters Crew	Developed Recreation	Coordinate with FOSM crew for graffiti removal as needed.	Julie Padilla Sandia Ash-Coombe Stephanie Eise	*FOSM will continue to accept graffiti removal requests, with goal of clean-up within two weeks *FS will reach out with details on graffiti removal after at Juan Tabo Rock House and coming area to gauge FOSM interest	able to get graffiti removed within two weeks of initial reports. Bollards at Juan Tabo/La Cueva should help reduce amount of graffiti moving forward. Top of roof has been loaded up with graffiti for years. Taller structures, require specialty equipment (ladders, scaffolds). Another report of graffiti coming and being hit with graffiti. Most are accessible by climbers, may require safety equipment. Just before Juan Tomas Road, west of 27C. Coordinate opportunity to collaborate with NAC/NCS, or Andrew could get equipment. FOSM will reach out to Andrew if there is interest. Sandia will reach out to FOSM on next steps in the Juan Tabo Rock House.
Genes Painting (Tuesdays)	Developed Recreation	Continue painting striping in parking areas, recreation areas, etc. will meet with paint crew and identify which sites can be accomplished this season. 2025 they've had increased graffiti given lower maintenance staff and closed areas.	Julie Padilla	*Sandia will reach out to staff FTF members to gauge interest in supporting painting crew *Julie will coordinate with FOSM on interior restroom cleaning needs and will ensure maintenance is pressure washed prior to painting	After Ann resigned, one or two FOSM members will paint striping in picnic areas. Payline to and Rick Bala will come out to support paint crew with Sam. Not able to get striping right now either. Continue doing what they can, but need additional volunteers. Old FTF volunteers may have interest? Sandia will reach out. Sam needs to communicate on painting needs. Julie has needs for interior restroom painting, need to coordinate w/ FS pressure washing crew happens before painting. Julie looking into purchasing new striping. Hope gets up to full equipment.
Fence Maintenance	Developed Recreation	Fence maintenance at developed sites. Primarily 12-foot-long poles. About 50 of these were ordered and have installed some of them. They still have about 25 stored at Don's house. Routine maintenance or repairs needed (Doc Long currently)	Sam Beard Julie Padilla Julie Hestel	*FOSM will continue to replace fencing poles as needed	Doc Long, Sulphur and Chirras all have ongoing needs. Cannot find additional pole material in NM, may be available in CO. Some continue stock, once they're gone, they get replaced. Per Doc, three are on, when ordered for Gwynne Meadows project, 25 more poles ordered (44, 44, 44). 2 that can be cut back to make 10 ft pole (smaller in diameter, but can be used). Will use extra 44 moving forward. People are climbing over new fencing at Monks Meadows, but they're holding on.
Group shelter roof repair	Developed Recreation	Porcic shelters at Locust, Tucaca and Centro needs to metal roof and wood fascia repair	Sam Beard Julie Padilla Manny Chavez Julie Hestel	*FS (Manny) will repair wood fascia and tear off panels at Locust Porcic Area group shelter in Doc Fire Flat of Arroyos. Heavy rain over the summer. FOSM can purchase materials. TT wants work first three weeks in June, shingles and fascia work needs to happen by then. FOSM has safety harnesses, and can lead in this project. FOSM will repair after repairs are complete. Can do other work 1/28/26.	Can do at least one of these roofs with Telling Taos this summer. New wood fascia required first, and then shingles. Heavy rain over the summer. FOSM can purchase materials. TT wants work first three weeks in June, shingles and fascia work needs to happen by then. FOSM has safety harnesses, and can lead in this project. FOSM will repair after repairs are complete. Can do other work 1/28/26.
Cinneg picnic table repair	Developed Recreation	Picnic table missing top in Cinneg, repair or replace?	Julie Padilla Sam Beard Julie Hestel	*FOSM will continue to stain wooden recreation site as needed as they are available	New 2025 project. Table is in middle area, across street from bathroom. Wood needs to be stained. Would have to order part or replace with wood. Julie will coordinate a site visit to check it out. No Heritage concerns, already established. Need to look in Arroyos. There is a request for FTA in Arroyos. Ben users care of it. Ben users Australian timber oil product for staining needs. Every year or two, Sam users care of it.
Wood staining	Developed Recreation	Apply Australian Timber Oil natural color on wooden benches, picnic tables and Oak Flat restroom doors	Mike Hudson Ken Bon	*FOSM will continue to look for opportunities to include new items in final design for Sandia Crest restoration project	Third gate live at Nine Mike that would span opened road. Need to add design gate as follows in final design? Ken will look back with Mike in summer 2025, while final design modifications are being worked on.
Repair the first switchback parking area above Doc Long (NMOCTT)	Developed Recreation	Faulty trail access improvements also tied to this project. Desired to add as a free site? Not a priority for now. How to designate this as a parking area? Similar to issues in Pecos area? Implications associated with gate project if at switchback. Better spot for gate just beyond Doc Long? STP CE partially addressed? Likely not a NMOCT responsibility - our heavy traffic/damage concerns due to closure of trail.	Mike Hudson Ken Bon	*FOSM will build in repairing of this area into distictwide paving contract that is currently under development in FY26	Getting worse and worse each week. FS responsibility, no NMOCT. Part of distictwide paving project. Add Lower Pecos to this road maintenance list, would Tabozoo?
Widen 100 South Trailhead parking area to the highway (NMOCTT)	Developed Recreation	Project would aim to improve trailer circulation at trailhead	Mike Hudson Ken Bon	*FS will build in repairing of this area into distictwide paving contract that is currently under development in FY26. Will also explore horse trailer circulation	See notes above.





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