

## **Sandia Ranger District Forest Closures Starting Monday June 30, 2008**

**Albuquerque, June 27, 2008** –Beginning June 30, 2008 at 8:00 am, **ALL** of the Sandia Ranger District on the Cibola National Forest will be in Stage III restrictions.

### **REGULATIONS/RESTRICTIONS**

- No Hiking/Biking/No Motorized Vehicles allowed in back-country areas and on trails.
- No Campfires/No Charcoal/No Stoves (Cold Picnics Only).
- Smoking in vehicles only.
- Fire works are NEVER allowed on your National Forests.

### **OPEN RECREATION SITES:** The following Picnic areas are open

- Doc Long, Sulphur Canyon, Balsam Glade, and Upper Capulin Picnic Areas on the east side.
- Jaun Tabo and La Cueva Picnic areas on the west side.
- Pine Flat Picnic Ground and Cedro Group Reservation Site Campground south of I-40.
- Sandia Ranger District Administrative Site, Tijeras Pueblo Interpretive Trail and climbing area next to the district office.

### **OPEN TRAILS:**

- Portions of Forest Trail 365, including secondary trails associated with Forest Trail 365, outside of the Sandia Mountain Wilderness (Foothills Trails).
- Sandia Peak Ski Area is open for hiking and biking within the ski area boundary only.
- All other trails are closed including La Luz Trail.

### **OPEN ROADS**

- Forest Roads 445, 413, and 242
- Forest Roads 333, 333B, 333C, and 333D to La Cueva and Juan Tabo Cay use areas
- Forest Road 252 to Cedro Campground

### **OPEN AREAS:**

Sandia Crest Observation Area, Sandia Peak Tram and associated facilities and Sandia Crest House (Smoking is allowed **ONLY** in the posted designated smoking area at the Sandia Peak Tram and Sandia Crest House)

**For more information contact the Sandia Ranger District at 505-281-3304.**

For further information about closures and restrictions in the Cibola National Forest, information is posted on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/>. Additional fire information for the Southwest Area is available at <http://publiclands.org/firenews/NM.php>.