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Date: July 14, 2008

Dear Interested Reader:

I would like to notify you that I signed the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the *Travel Management on the Sandia Ranger District* project on the Sandia Ranger District in Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico on July 10, 2008. I selected Alternative 4 with modifications for implementation.

This decision designates a system of roads and trails for public access and motorized recreation travel. This decision prohibits motorized cross county travel off of the designated system on the Sandia Ranger District. There are 42.66 miles designated for motorcycle use, 1.76 miles designated for vehicles under 50" (ATVs and motorcycles) and 10.12 miles open to all vehicles (including OHVs.) There are also 7.02 miles designated for highway legal vehicles only. The decision approves construction of approximately 3.5 miles of trails for motorized use, construction of one trailhead facility for motorized recreation, and use of the Oak Area Picnic ground as a trailhead. The decision includes a non-significant Forest Plan amendment.

This decision will result in the publication of a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Designations made with past decisions will also be shown on the MVUM. After the MVUM has been released, travel off the designated system will be prohibited unless authorized by permit or other authorization. The Environmental Assessment and DN/FONSI can be obtained from the Cibola NF Supervisor's Office at, 2113 Osuna NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87113; the Sandia Ranger District office at 11776 Highway 337, Tijeras, New Mexico USA 87059; or can be requested by phone at 505-346-3900, by email request to cibolatravel@fs.fed.us, or from the Sandia Ranger District Travel Management web site:

www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/travel-management/tm_sandia/index.shtml

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to regulations at 36 CFR 215. Individuals or organizations who provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in the proposed action by the close of the comment period may appeal. That comment period began with publication of the legal notice in the Albuquerque Journal on January 29th, 2008 and ended on February 28th, 2008. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of the comment period do not have standing for appeal purposes.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

For additional information regarding this decision contact Nancy Brunswick, Sandia Travel



Management ID Team leader, at (505) 346-3900, or at the Cibola National Forest, 2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113.

Four additional appendices have been added to the Environmental Assessment:

- Appendix B- A table showing the cumulative effects projects considered in the analysis.
- Appendix C- The project Monitoring Plan.
- Appendix D- An Errata sheet of corrections to the EA.
- Appendix E – Response to Comments. This document contains the comments received on the proposed action and alternatives following the release of the EA.

These appendices can be accessed on the Sandia Travel Management web site:

www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/travel-management/tm_sandia/index.shtml

You can also request copies by contacting the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's office at the contact information listed above.

Thank you for your involvement in the Travel Management Project. We realize that many people have taken time to participate in the public workshops, work group meetings, and provide written comments over the past two years.

Sincerely,

/S/ Mary Dereske for

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Forest Supervisor

Enclosure