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Santa Fe National Forest

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Fed. #26 J-30-25-1W
Fed. #27 D-6-24N-1W
Fed. #28 B-6-24N-1W

Dear Operator:

The Santa Fe National Forest Geologist, Larry Gore, recently inspected the Federal #26, Federal #27, and Federal #28 wells on the Santa Fe National Forest. All of the sites are in good shape following the work done last summer. We really appreciate the work Mr. Post did on the sites.

Last July, Mr. Gore and Mr. Post met and discussed the need to improve the access road into the Federal #28 well. Our archaeologist surveyed the road this spring, and identified a potential site in and adjacent to the road. No road work should be done until the archaeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer have determined the appropriate mitigation.

Fire prevention is required by the lease terms on all the leases, so due to the high fire danger, please implement the following.

Inspect all motors (stationary, portable, heavy equipment, and vehicles) and make sure they have Forest Service approved spark arrestors.

Make sure your field personnel are aware smoking is restricted to inside their vehicles, or areas cleared of all vegetation.

Make sure your field personnel, contractors, and heavy equipment have fire extinguishers and shovels available.

Be extra cautious when doing any welding or cutting work.

Make sure your personnel are aware that shooting on the Forest is restricted to authorized hunting activities while we are in fire restrictions.



If any of your people see situations which they feel may pose a fire or safety hazard, please have them contact the Cuba Ranger District at (505) 289-3264. To report a fire, they should immediately call:

Forest Dispatch (anytime) 438-7800 or

Cuba Ranger District (8 AM to 4:30 PM, weekdays) 289-3264 or

Richard Montoya (nights and weekends) 289-3811

If you have any questions, please give myself or Larry Gore a call here at the Cuba Ranger District at 289-3264.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry Gore(for):
STEVE R. ROMERO
Assitant District Ranger