



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Santa Fe National Forest

Cuba Ranger District
P.O. Box 130
Cuba, New Mexico 87013
505-289-3264

File Code: 2820-2

Date: April 26, 2002

Rio Chama Petroleum, Inc.
P.O. Box 3027
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Dear Operator:

I-30-24N-1W C-29-24N-1W

The Sunico Federal #3 and Crane Federal #7 wells were recently inspected by the Forest Geologist, Larry Gore. In general, the sites were in good condition. The access roads to the sites are getting rutted, and need to be bladed. The meter houses, runs, and other facilities on the sites need to be painted forest green. Even though El Paso Natural Gas owns the meter houses and runs, as the operator you are responsible to see the lease and APD stipulations are adhered to. Gas was audibly leaking from one of the plugs on the christmas tree on the Sunico Federal #3. The plug needs to be tightened or replaced.

Last year, Mr. Gore discussed the land status of the Sunico Federal #3, with a Frank Welch of your company. We have checked the land status plats and confirmed the wellsite is on Federal lease NMSF 0080715, and is on the Santa Fe National Forest.

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