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Carson National Forest Questa District – Red River Closure Updates

Taos, NM (June 26, 2018) - For Immediate Release. The Carson National Forest will implement Stage 3 Restrictions, at 6:00 a.m. June 27, 2018. Stage 3 restrictions means no public access to Carson National Forest Lands is allowed. These closures are being implemented for public safety and protection of natural resources.

Jack Lewis, District Ranger for the Questa District of the Carson NF says “wherever it is safe to do so we will support our partners in offering services to their visitors during this closure”. He notes the following as the current state of affairs in the Questa/Red River area:

Village of Questa

- Eagle Rock Lake will remain open during daylight hours.
- All forest roads and trails in the Questa area will be closed.
- Local traffic will be allowed on the Cabresto Creek Road (FR134) to access residences.
- The Cabresto Lake road (134A) and the associated campground and trailhead will be closed.
- There is no fishing on the Red River from the Questa Ranger District to the Town of Red River or on the South side of the River (on National Forest lands) from Questa to the confluence of the Rio Grande.
- All outfitter/guide permit holders are not allowed to operate on national forest land during this closure.

In the Town of Red River and surrounding areas

- Mallette Park will remain open during the day, the Town may restrict open hours.
- The Mallette Road (FR597) will only be open to private property owners.
- Base operations at the Red River Ski Area are expected to continue including the Flyer, tubing, the ropes course and associated zip-line. The scenic chairlift rides are expected to remain operational however riders will need to ride up and down the lift, they cannot hike down or hike in to the Forest, the area will be fenced off.
- The Hike with the Ranger program is cancelled
- The Bitter Creek Road (FR77) is open to residents only except during special events at the Bitter Creek Guest Ranch.
- Fishing along the Red River in the Town of Red River is allowed only on the Town side of the River.
- The Nature Trail is closed.

- Access to Columbine/Hondo and Wheeler Peak Wilderness via Middle Fork Lake Trail, Goose Creek Trail, and East Fork Trail is closed.
- All trails and campgrounds are closed.
- All outfitter/guide permit holders are not allowed to operate on national forest land during this closure.

Village of Taos Ski Valley

- Administrative activities have been authorized for Taos Ski Valley.
- No public access is currently allowed within the Taos Ski Valley permit area.
- All trails and campgrounds in the Highway 150 corridor are closed including Twining campground.
- The Bull of the Woods and Williams Lake trail which leads to Wheeler Peak is closed.

Carson National Forest employees encourage visitors to seek out information related to our partners and communities adjacent to the national forest as you prepare for summer travel. These businesses and communities will help you understand local restrictions, as well as, explore other opportunities to enjoy the wonders of northern New Mexico. Please be safe, as you help us protect our national forest!

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