

# FOREST CLOSURE ALTERNATIVES

We would like to welcome you to Red River, NM and hope this information will assist you in finding alternative locations for OHV trails. Please remember: **When riding off-road you must stay on the designated trail. When parking or stopping your OHV you must park/stop on bare ground with NO VEGETATION. Taos County Sheriff's Department will strictly enforce restriction rules on BLM land.**

Fishing in the Carson National Forest (Red River, Mill River) is still available however, you must stay on the town/highway side of the river. You will not be allowed to fish on the mountain side.

Permits are still required on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land so please obtain your permit from the New Mexico Fish & Game website or from the NM Fish & Game computer located in the Red River Chamber of Commerce office or the Red River Visitor Center, open 7 days a week 8am to 5pm.

For further questions or concerns please contact the Red River Visitor Center at 575-754-3030 or the Red River Chamber of Commerce at 575-754-2366. You can also visit the website at [www.RedRiver.org](http://www.RedRiver.org).



**BLM-Rio Grande del Norte National Monument Visitor Center**-The Visitor Center provides information about the recreation experiences and also the geological and natural history of the diverse and interesting area.

Located in Cerro, NM-go north from Questa on NM 522 and turn left on State Road 378; the Visitor Center is about 17 miles from the turn off. The visitor Center is open from memorial Day through Labor Day, 10:00 until 4:30 pm and additional hours as staffing permits. After Labor Day, the Visitor Center is open as staffing permits. For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 575-586-1150 or the Taos Field Office at 575-758-8851.

## Location/Access

From Taos, follow NM 68 north 7 miles. Take NM 522 approximately 20 miles to Questa. Travel 3 miles past the stoplight in Questa to NM 378. Turn left onto NM 378 and follow the signs about 12 miles west to the Rio del Norte Recreation Area.

## Guadalupe Mountain Trail-Rio Grande del Norte National Monument

Great views of the Taos Plateau and other mountains; tall pines, wildflowers, cooler temperatures.

- 2 miles one-way
- Old roadbed, steep climb, rocky and bumpy
- Difficult

## East Rim Trail-Rio Grande del Norte National Monument

As soon as you enter BLM land the entrance is to the right. Park at Sheep's Crossing.

- 2.5 miles of assigned road

After 2.5 miles you will come to a gate which will lead you into state land. Passing the gate will give you more riding area.

### RULES:

- **If the gate is Closed-open and close the gate behind you**
- **If the gate is open, leave it open**

### **Montoso & Pot Mountain (Cerro de la Olla)—Past the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge**

Take HWY 38 to HWY 522 (Questa). When you reach the first light, turn right onto HWY 64, you will travel apx. 4 miles. At a brown BLM sign, turn right onto a dirt road.

- Miles of riding in this area.



### **John Dunn Bridge**

From Red River, take HWY 38 to the light in Questa, turn right onto HWY 522 towards Taos. On the south side of Arroyo Hondo turn right at the brown sign for John Dunn bridge. Follow the dirt road about 2 miles, bearing right at fork. Almost down to the Rio Grande River a small basalt roadside wall appears on right just after bridge over the Rio Hondo. There are about 20 routes. There are hot springs to enjoy about ¼ mile downstream on the western bank of the Rio Grande. To get to the Black Rock Spring, turn left after the bridge and drive up this road to park at the first turn. Follow a faint trail downstream.

The Manby Springs, featured in “Easy Rider” are also down this trail. Help us keep the area clean, take a tash bag and pack some extra trash out!