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FEDERAL HIGHWAYS CONSTRUCTION EMERGENCY CLOSURE JOHN DUNN BRIDGE RECREATION SITE CLOSURE ORDER #NMFDO0000-23-04

Extension of Closure through March 19, 2023

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 (d), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) extends a temporary closure of recreation sites within the John Dunn Bridge area through March 19, 2023.

The temporary closure facilitates the Federal Highways and Taos County construction and bridge replacement projects which are delayed due to inclement weather. . Taos County closed access to Taos County Road B-007 to restrict public use and restrict travel within the construction zone to protect public safety.

The temporary closure affects public lands within the Río Grande del Norte National Monument and Taos Field Office, administered by the BLM through the Taos Field Office of the Farmington District Office. The order is specific to BLM-managed lands and routes only.

Areas closed to foot, vehicular, and boat traffic include:

- the Río Grande
- Rio Hondo
- Blackrock Hotsprings
- Manby Hotsprings and trail
- All trails and roads within the John Dunn Bridge area
- Any adjacent BLM-managed lands within the area

Area Described: Township 27 North, Range 12 East, Section 31

Taos County will close Taos County Road B-007 on the east side of the Río Grande on August 8 at the junction of Taos County Road B-006 and Cam del Medio, which is approximately 1-mile up canyon from the BLM boundary. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted by the Federal Highways contractors, with appropriate signs and barriers at the access points. Please see attached map.

Prohibited Acts:

1. Going into or being upon an area described in this order.
2. Being upon the road systems in the area described in this order.
3. Being upon the campgrounds, trails, or boat ramps described in the order.

Exempted:

Any federal, state, local and/or military employee acting within the scope of their duties; members of any organized rescue or firefighting force performing official duty; and persons, agencies, municipalities, or companies with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act; outfitters, approved by the BLM and Federal Highways will be allowed on specific dates as yet to be determined. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by an exempted activity.

Penalties:

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 (d), Violation of a Closure Order, any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of \$250.00.

Information regarding this closure may be obtained by calling the Taos Field Office at (575) 758-8851. Dated this February 15, 2023, at Taos, New Mexico.

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