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TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER

FOR PORTIONS OF LA BAJADA MESA (CAMEL TRACKS) IN SANTA FE COUNTY CLOSURE ORDER #2023-009

Effective July 17 through July 31, 2023

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 (d), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will temporarily close a portion of public lands on La Bajada Mesa in Santa Fe County. The area is also referred to as Camel Tracks.

This two-week temporary Order is in effect July 17-July 31, 2023, and applies to approximately 1,280 acres of public lands in the Camel Tracks area to accommodate field surveys of cultural, wildlife, plants, and other resources.

This Order prohibits all entry to the area—including by foot, horse, motor vehicle, or other method—except for administrative or special permitted use.

The BLM proposes to design and build two recreational target shooting ranges within Santa Fe County and field surveys are needed for the environmental assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

The area is heavily used for dispersed recreational target shooting, which, without a temporary closure, would pose a threat to the safety of BLM staff. Recreational shooting is not allowed during the closure.

Area Described: Township 16 North, Range 7 East, Section 13; and Township 16 North, Range 8 East, Section 18. 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 shooting areas, campgrounds, trails, described in the order.
4. Shooting within the closure area.

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.

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 day of June 22, 2023, at Taos, New Mexico.

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