Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Temporary Closure or Restriction Order

OFFICE: Carlsbad Field Office, Pecos District, New Mexico

ACTION: Temporary Closure Notice for the Hackberry Lake OHV Area for the Jackrabbit 100 Motorcycle Event.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carlsbad Field Office is temporarily closing designated portions of the Hackberry Lake Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area in Eddy County, New Mexico, to non-event public use during the Jackrabbit 100 motorcycle event on November 15, 2026.

The closure encompasses approximately 21 miles of designated event route on existing OHV trails and the west Hackberry Lake OHV Area trailhead (32.618072, -103.944029), as depicted on the attached closure map. The closure will be effective from 8:00 a.m. on November 13, 2026, to 10:00 p.m. on November 15, 2026.

During this period, public entry into and recreational use of the designated event course will be prohibited except as specifically exempted by this order. Restricted activities include, but are not limited to, non-event motorcycle, ATV, utility terrain vehicle (UTV or side-by-side), and other motorized vehicle use, as well as non-event pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian access within the designated closure boundary.

Public lands and trails outside the closure boundary will remain available for recreation under existing regulations.

RATIONALE: This temporary closure is issued pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 to protect public safety and avoid conflicts among public land users during a permitted competitive motorcycle event.

The Jackrabbit 100 will involve up to 150 registered riders competing on an approximately 21-mile course within the Hackberry Lake OHV Area. The course follows existing trails that are normally accessible to other motorized recreationists. Timed riding presents an increased potential for collisions and conflicts where event participants could encounter non-participating OHV users, particularly side-by-sides and ATVs, or other visitors.

Temporarily restricting public access to the designated event course will reduce the likelihood of these encounters and provide a safer environment for participants and the general public.

The closure is limited to the designated course and [associated event-use areas, if applicable] for the period necessary to conduct the event safely. It is consistent with the

1988 Carlsbad Resource Management Plan, as amended, which identifies Hackberry Lake as a preferred location for organized competitive OHV events.

Environmental effects of the proposed event and associated temporary public access restrictions are addressed in Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-P020-2026-1770-EA and associated Decision Record/Finding of No Significant Impact, November 10, 2026.

EXEMPTIONS: This order does not apply to:

1. Federal, State, and local officers and employees performing official duties.
2. Members of organized law enforcement, emergency medical, rescue, or firefighting forces performing official duties.
3. BLM employees, contractors, and authorized personnel conducting event monitoring or other official activities.
4. Registered Jackrabbit 100 event participants operating within the approved event course in accordance with the event's Special Recreation Permit.
5. Jackrabbits Racing MC LLC event organizers, staff, volunteers, and contractors conducting activities authorized under the Special Recreation Permit.
6. Event spectators within BLM-approved designated spectator areas (the Hackberry Lake East Trailhead, located at approximately 32.61895° N, 103.94436° W.), provided they comply with posted restrictions and event staff directions.
7. Non-recreation related traffic crossing lease roads to access range features or oil and gas infrastructure.

Event participants and personnel must comply with the approved Special Recreation Permit and any applicable event identification or credential requirements. Exemptions do not authorize entry onto active event course segments except as necessary for approved event operations, emergency response, or other authorized activities.

LOCATION: The closure is located within the Hackberry Lake OHV Area in Eddy County, New Mexico, approximately 20.52 mile northeast from Carlsbad.

The affected area includes the designated Jackrabbit 100 event course, approximately 21 miles in length, and the Hackberry Lake East Trailhead, located at approximately 32.61895° N, 103.94436° W.

The legal land description (Township [T.]; Range [R.]; Section [sec.]; New Mexico Principal Meridian [NMPM]) for the project is provided below.

T. 19 S., R. 30 E.
Secs. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 35

T. 19 S., R. 31 E.

Secs. 7 and 18

The specific closure boundary is identified on the attached map, titled 2026 Jackrabbit 100 Event Temporary Closure Map. The map is incorporated into this order and will be available to the public at 2026 Jackrabbit 100 Event Closure Temp Closure Map.

DATES: The temporary event course closure will begin at 7:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time on November 13, 2026, and terminate at 12:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on November 16, 2026.

This order will become effective at the date and time specified above and will remain in effect for the stated period unless superseded by another order. Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1(d), if appealed, the order remains in effect pending the decision on appeal unless a stay is granted.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS:

Public notification of this temporary closure will be provided through the following methods:

1. Posting the signed closure order at the BLM Carlsbad Field Office, 520 E. Greene Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico.
2. Posting closure notices, signs, and maps at appropriate locations within or near the affected area, including Hackberry Lake East Trailhead, intersecting trail junctions, road crossings, and other access points.
3. Posting closure information on at least one BLM-controlled, publicly available online communication system, including Advisories and Closures | Bureau of Land Management

Additional notification may include BLM social media, event organizer communications, local OHV organizations, and affected authorized users.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES: Any person who violates the temporary closures or restrictions in this order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1–7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.

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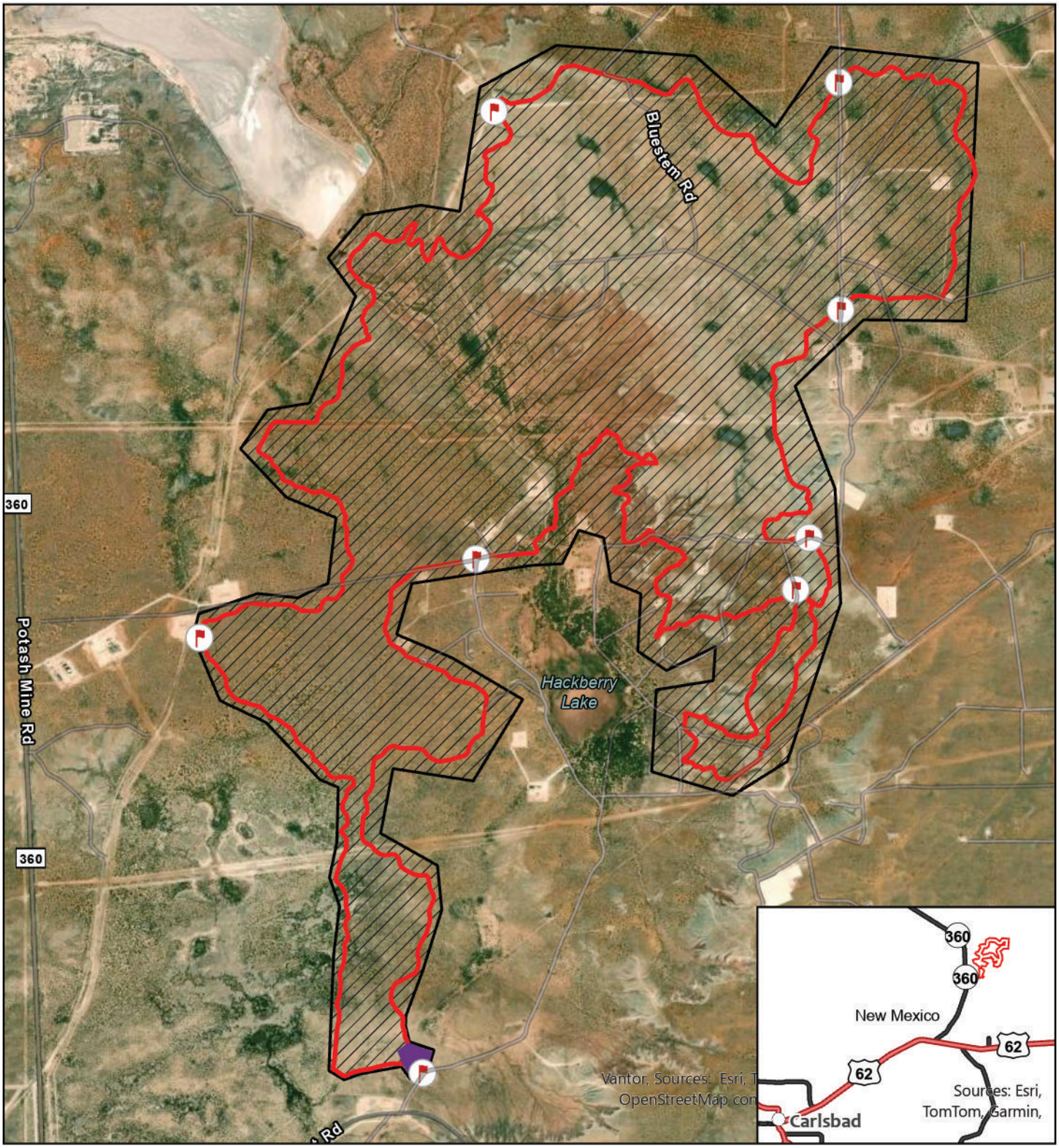
2026 Jackrabbit 100 Event Temporary Closure Map

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575 234 5972

New Mexico

Scale: 1:32,944

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Legend

- Temp Closure Points
- Event Route
- Hackberry Lake OHV Area West Trailhead
- Closure Permiteter

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