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NEWS RELEASE

New parking measures to be enforced at Rio en Medio Trailhead *Increased traffic and illegal parking endanger public safety along CR 78B*

Santa Fe, NM, June 10, 2020 – Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza announced additional sheriff's deputy patrols in the Rio en Medio area to assist with parking enforcement efforts along County Road 78B (aka Rio en Medio Road), which leads to the Rio en Medio Trailhead.

An increase of visitors with motor vehicles are parking illegally and impeding ingress and egress for emergency vehicle access in a narrow section of County Road 78B where the public is attempting to access US Forest Service lands at the Rio en Medio Trailhead.

“The increased volume of vehicles in this narrow section of county road is creating a public safety hazard. The Santa Fe County public works department has placed new signage restricting parking in the area to ensure that access to that area remains unimpeded for fire and ambulance vehicles that might need to respond to an emergency,” said Sheriff Mendoza.

The Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office encourages the public to adhere to parking restrictions identified by the signage placed along the roadside. Area residents have reported that parked vehicles are blocking private driveways and that people are trespassing onto private property leaving illegally dumped trash in area.

The Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office encourages the public to adhere to parking restrictions to avoid being cited or having a vehicle towed.

For questions, contact Juan Rios, Public Information Officer, Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office at (505) 490-2678.

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