

Field Visit: Recreation & Open Space in Cañada de los Alamos

Hosted by: Santa Fe County and USDA Forest Service.

Facilitated by: Southwest Decision Resources

Date: May 29th, 2026

Time: 9am-12pm

Meeting goals:

- Learn about recreation and open space management from Santa Fe County and USDA Forest Service jurisdictions; including roles for management, maintenance, and monitoring
- Identify recreation and open space challenges and opportunities and vision for the area

Time	Agenda Item
9am	Arrival: South End of Forest Road 79 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park along road or below the gate
9:15	Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief history of recreation, open space, and forest management in the area – Santa Fe County and USDA Forest Service • Agenda review and working agreements – Southwest Decision Resources • Participant intros and guiding question for the day
9:45-11:30	<p>Participants will follow government vehicles to the following stops and discuss allowable uses, recreation and open space management, sustainable trails, and educational messaging</p> <p>Stop 1: Discussion at the Gate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Fe National Forest and Santa Fe County management • Allowed uses and access & enforcement <p>Stop 2: Top of Forest Road 79</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel management and access • Infrastructure opportunities • Kiosk and signage information discussion <p>Stop 3: Nearby Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing trails and trail management • Linking the community to the trails • Sustainable trail design and management principles • Trail names and signage • Trail maintenance
11:30	Wrap Up and Next Steps
12:00 pm	Adjourn

Working Agreements

- **Speak with Purpose, Listen with Curiosity:** Give everyone space to contribute and listen openly—especially when perspectives differ.
- **Share the Air:** Please make space for speaking, listening, and responding
- **Be Solution-Oriented:** It's okay to name challenges of the past, but also offer paths forward.
- **Create a Safe Space:** respect boundaries, identities, and lived experiences.

