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Recent heavy rainfall of the Santa Fe National Forest has required the Caja del Rio area to be temporarily closed to all motor vehicle use. This restriction is necessary to prevent further resource damage, especially to area roads and adjacent grasslands, which can easily rut. Often, wet roads lead to vehicles stuck in axle-deep mud. Because driving on these roads results in habitat

destruction, excessive erosion, and unacceptable road damage, keeping the area closed until drier weather is the best protection.

The Caja del Rio restricted area covers that portion of the Santa Fe National Forest bordered by State and private land, the Rio Grande, Canada Ancha, Cochiti Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo and the Bureau of Land Management.

Effective today through an official closure order, motor vehicles are not allowed:

- on Forest Road 24 or any Forest Service secondary roads in the restricted area;
- off National Forest System roads in the restricted area; or
- on trails in the restricted area.

The public can access the restricted area on foot, mountain

bike and on horseback. The duration of the closure order will be based on weather conditions. For information on all Santa Fe National Forest closure orders and restrictions, please visit our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/santafe

Low Water Crossing debris cleared in Pinion

Hills Subdivision

The Santa Fe County Road Maintenance Department cleared all the low water crossings of debris in the Pinion Hills Subdivision during the flooding events. Roads in this area were also graded where the water had damaged the driving surface.

Currently there are some low water crossings in Pinion Hills that do not function properly. The Road Maintenance Department plans on making drainage improvements to correct this problem to avert future flooding.

The Road Maintenance Department will look into designing and correcting these problems prior to making road improvements approved by the voters in the 2012 Bond Election. Selected unpaved roads in the Pinon Hills subdivision are scheduled to get upgraded to a chip seal surface once the drainage issues are corrected. The roads included for upgrades are Calle Francisca, Calle Estevan, Calle Suzanna and Calle Carla. Commissioner Chavez plans on meeting with the Pinion Hills Subdivision residents to discuss the drainage issues and road upgrades. Please contact Rita Maes for more information to help plan a community meeting at Pinion Hills at rbmaes@santafecountynm.gov or 995-9548.

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