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## JEMEZ AND CUBA RANGER DISTRICTS LIFTED FROM STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**(SANTA FE, NM)**— The Santa Fe National Forest lifted Stage I Fire Restrictions on both Jemez and Cuba Ranger Districts effective today, Friday, August 19.

The announcement comes after the Forest Service lifted restrictions on most of the Santa Fe National Forest from Stage III Fire Restrictions on July 30.

The Las Conchas Fire and Pacheco Fire burn areas remain in Stage III Fire Restrictions.

"Recent moisture and favorable rain forecasts helped bring the Jemez and Cuba Ranger Districts out of restrictions," said Bruce Hill, Jr., Santa Fe National Forest spokesperson. However, we still want to remind the public to be responsible in-and-around the entire forest year-round."

Burned areas created significant safety hazards for anyone that might be thinking about entering into a burned area, including threats from flash flooding, falling trees and rolling rocks.

"The closures were necessary to help ensure public health and safety, which is why the Las Conchas Fire and Pacheco Fire burn areas remain off limits," Hill said. "The public has been patiently waiting for restrictions to be lifted. We appreciate their understanding."

The Santa Fe National Forest offers a myriad of opportunities from camping, picnicking, and fishing to hiking, biking, and horseback riding. For more information on the Santa Fe National Forest, call Bruce Hill, Jr. (505) 438-5320.

For a copy of the Las Conchas and Pacheco Fire Area Closure Orders please visit:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/conditions>

