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Forest Waives Recreation Fees in Honor of Veterans Day

SANTA FE, NM—In honor of Veterans Day, the Santa Fe National Forest announces "Fee-Free Day" on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11.

The public, especially veterans, and active members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families are invited to take advantage of the beautiful New Mexico fall weather and enjoy the great outdoors.

"The Forest Service waives fees every year to encourage more Americans to get outdoors and experience the wide array of recreation opportunities provided on our forests and grasslands," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "We hope that these experiences on our lands will foster a lifelong appreciation and stewardship of precious natural resources."

The fee waiver applies to all picnic/day-use areas and campgrounds on the Santa Fe National Forest, except for those individual and group campgrounds that have already been reserved. Group campgrounds not included in the fee waiver events include:

- Pecos/Las Vegas District: Jacks Creek Group Campground, Holy Ghost Group Campground

Some recreation facilities on the forest could be closed for the season or due to ongoing construction. Visitors are urged to "know before you go," and check in with the appropriate ranger district for more information on the status of their favorite picnic site or campground.

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| - Forest Supervisor's Office | (505) 438-5300 |
| - Coyote Ranger District | (575) 638-5526 |
| - Cuba Ranger District | (575) 289-3264 |
| - Espanola Ranger District | (505) 753-7331 |
| - Jemez Ranger District | (575) 829-3535 |
| - Pecos Ranger Station | (505) 757-6121 |
| - Las Vegas Ranger Station | (505) 425-3534 |

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For a list of detailed recreation opportunities on the Santa Fe National Forest, please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/recreation/index.html>, or for information on the Forest Service's recreation fee program and how these funds are used, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/about-rec-fees.shtml>

The Forest advises all Forest visitors to be safe in the woods as there are some small and big game hunts going on within the Santa Fe National Forest during this time of year. People in the forest are encouraged to wear blaze orange or bright colors to increase their visibility and always be aware of their surroundings.

For detailed hunting information, please visit the New Mexico Game and Fish Web site at <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us>.

