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CARSON NATIONAL FOREST REDUCES FIRE RESTRICTION

Taos, New Mexico, July 11, 2006 – The continued moisture and high humidities have sufficiently lowered fire danger levels throughout the Carson National Forest to allow the lifting of fire restrictions on the Jicarilla, Questa and Camino Real Ranger Districts.

Moisture on the Westside of the forest has been spotty in some areas and as a safety precaution; Stage I Fire Restrictions will be enforced for the Canjilon, El Rito and Tres Piedras Ranger Districts. Despite the amount of moisture they have received, these Westside districts experienced four lightning caused fire starts last week. These new restrictions will go into effect at all districts at 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 14.

Under Stage I Fire Restrictions open fires are allowed only in developed campgrounds where fire grates and fire rings are provided. Smoking is allowed only in a vehicle, building, developed campground or area three feet in diameter that has been cleared of all flammable material. As always, fireworks are never allowed on public lands.

Stage I Fire Restricts will allow these districts to sell wood product permits. Permits will now be available at all district offices, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All forest users are reminded to please practice campfire safety by using plenty of water and making sure your campfire is Dead Out. Abandoned campfires are the number one cause of human caused fires making campfire safety a high priority for all visitors.

When planning a trip to your National Forest, **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**, and take fire restrictions seriously. For current fire restriction information, please call 1-877-864-6985 or visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson. For fire restrictions and other fire information for all recreation sites in New Mexico, log on to www.nmfireinfo.com.

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