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Fire Ban In Place On State Trust Land In Response to Luna Fire

Santa Fe, New Mexico - Commissioner Garcia Richard has placed a ban on campfires on all state trust land in the White Peak region (Game Management Unit 48). Besides the existence of the nearby Luna fire, this prudent decision to prohibit all campfires is necessary given the high fuel loads and drought conditions existing on site. The prohibition on campfires on state trust lands applies across the White Peak region, in both Mora and Colfax County and is in place until further notice whether or not the State Forester implements a similar ban. This includes use of the Black Lake, Horseshoe, Cooks Peak, Wet Meadow, and Sawmill camping areas and the White Peak Dispersed Camping Pilot Program areas (Spruces, White Peak Road, and Ortega Mesa). Thank you in advance for adhering to this campfire ban and for following other fire safe practices

Under the leadership of Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard, the New Mexico State Land Office has seen back-to-back years of revenue over \$1 billion. Over 13 million acres of state trust land are leased for a variety of uses, including ranching and farming, renewable energy, business development, mineral development, and outdoor recreation. The money earned from leasing activity supports 22 beneficiaries – New Mexico public schools, seven universities and colleges, the School for

the Deaf, the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, three hospital, water and land conservation projects, and public building construction and repair.