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Memorandum

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From: Superintendent, Bandelier National Monument

Subject: Administrative Closure of Portions of Bandelier National Monument

Under the provisions of 36 CFR 1.5(a), beginning at 12:01 AM on July 9, 2009 an administrative closure is in effect for portions of the main unit of Bandelier National Monument. All public entry to the area known as the San Miguel Mesa of Bandelier National Monument which includes the Turkey Springs area, is prohibited as posted for the dates and periods identified at signs in those areas. (See attached map of unit). The following areas will be subject to closure depending on actual fire conditions: The Canada Capulin trail from the western monument boundary to the junction of the Boundary Peak trail; all of the Capulin Canyon trail from the park boundary on Dome peak the junction of the Alamo Rim Trail which includes camping Zones A, B, and D; and the Boundary Peak Trail from the Dome road to the Canada Capulin (Turkey Springs) trail. Specific areas in this closure will be reopened as smoke and ground hazards permit, and appropriate signing will indicate present hazards.

This action is taken to ensure the safety of visitors and protection of fire crews and staff during this management action which is in compliance with the Bandelier Resource Plan and management goals.

This determination sets forth the justification as required by 36 CFR 1.5(c) for establishing this temporary closure to non-administrative use for the areas as shown on the attached map of Bandelier National Monument.

Under the requirements of 36 CFR 1.7(a), the public shall be notified by the placement of signs at normal points of entry including accessible trailheads, the Visitor Center, and Headquarters offices. Park Rangers while on patrol in other areas will also have copies available upon request or contact to provide information to visitors.

Jason Lott
Superintendent, Bandelier National Monument