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SANDOVAL COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES TO MITIGATE JEMEZ CORRIDOR FLOODING ISSUES INCLUDING BRIDGE CLOSURE AND CLOSED CAMPING GROUNDS

Jemez Springs, NM, April 14—Following its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) inter-agency meeting, the Sandoval County Office of Emergency Management announced that several public safety measures are being initiated to mitigate issues caused by the Jemez Corridor flooding. These measures include:

- Sandoval County Public Works is establishing a detour in the community of La Cueva, NM at San Antonio River Crossing on Hidden Valley Road south of Highway 126. This is a proactive effort as this bridge may be declared unsuitable for vehicular traffic.
- Sandoval County Public Works has set up barrels at the Soda Dam area in the Village of Jemez on Highway 4 to discourage the public from getting too close to the river.
- The U.S. Forest Service is closing all campgrounds and fishing access sites along Highway 4 between San Ysidro and the community of La Cueva.
- The U.S. Forest Service reports that U.S. Forest Service Road 376 remains closed until further notice.
- The wastewater treatment plant for the Village of Jemez Springs continues to operate by capturing wastewater that is then pumped out at the site and taken to another treatment facility. Residents in the Village of Jemez Springs can continue to use their bathroom facilities, and water conservation is encouraged to reduce the amount of water going to the plant. The wastewater treatment plant is in contact with environmental agencies regarding this operation.
- Sandbags are available for pick-up at fire stations along Highway 4 at San Ysidro, Jemez Springs, and the community of La Cueva.
- While businesses remain open, residents and visitors are encouraged to be safe and mindful of current roadway and low-lying area conditions as they go about their day. Be advised that there is no parking along Highway 4 from U.S. 550 to MM 34.

Sandoval County, the fastest-growing county in New Mexico, encompasses 3,714 square miles of diverse geography and has a population of approximately 151,000 people. It includes the incorporated municipalities of Bernalillo, Cuba, Corrales, Jemez Springs, Rio Rancho, San Ysidro, and the Town of Cochiti Lake as well as numerous unincorporated communities, and all or portions of 12 Indian Pueblos and Tribal Nations. For more information, visit www.sandovalcountynm.gov.

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