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SANDOVAL COUNTY REPORTS COOLER WEATHER ASSISTING JEMEZ CORRIDOR CONDITIONS

Jemez Springs, NM, April 15—Following its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) inter-agency meeting, the Sandoval County Office of Emergency Management reported that according to reports and forecasts from the National Weather Service, the cooler weather is assisting Jemez Corridor conditions. Precipitation has been limited, and cooler temps and wind have reduced snow melt. While the current weather conditions are favorable, all local governments and state and federal agencies remain vigilant and continue to address existing situations requiring immediate remedial efforts.

Currently, these efforts are still ongoing:

- Sandoval County Public Works has closed the bridge at the San Antonio River Crossing in La Cueva (see map).
- Repairs are being made to damaged wastewater treatment plant pipes at the Village of Jemez Springs. The plant 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.
- Soda Dam in the Village of Jemez on Highway 4 is closed.
- The U.S. Forest Service has now closed Battleship Rock camping ground near La Cueva.
- The U.S. Forest Service reports that U.S. Forest Service Road 376 remains closed until further notice.
- Sandbags are still 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 <u>www.sandovalcountynm.gov</u>.