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SANDOVAL COUNTY REPORTS CURRENT SITUATION FOR THE JEMEZ CORRIDOR DUE TO FLOODING

Jemez Springs, NM, April 17—Following its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) inter-agency meeting, the **Sandoval County Office of Emergency Management** reported that it is closing its temporary *Jemez Corridor Flooding* Emergency Operations Center here today. The National Weather Service reported at today's meeting that it did not anticipate the river rising above 6.5 feet, which is within normal flow, and while snowmelt influenced by the warmer temperatures exists, conditions appear favorable for no flooding emergency. While the river has receded, continued action is needed to assess, repair, and remediate situations and damage caused by last week's flooding. Currently, these efforts are still ongoing:

- The detour at the Hidden Valley Road bridge in La Cueva is still in place.
- Repairs are being made to damaged wastewater treatment plant pipes at the Village of Jemez Springs. 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.
- Sandoval County Publics Works reminds travelers that the shoulders along Highway 4 are closed while repairs are being made; please be mindful of personnel and vehicles involved with this remediation on the roadway;
- The U.S. Forest Service reports that:
 - Soda Dam in the Village of Jemez on Highway 4 is closed.
 - Campgrounds and fishing accesses remain closed along Highway 4 through to Battleship Rock near La Cueva with an anticipated reopening in May.
 - 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 www.sandovalcountynm.gov.

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