

*Several New Mexico Road closures due to fires; drivers are urged to be cautious*

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation has several road closures in place during the Fourth of July Weekend. The Las Conchas Fire, Wallow Fire, Track Fire, White Fire, and several other fires in the state forced the closure of several state highways.

NMDOT is urging drivers to use extreme caution to prevent new wild fires from starting. NMDOT is working closely with fire officials, forest service officials, state emergency managers, and the Department of Public Safety to ensure the safety of the traveling public and is assisting with traffic control and evacuations as needed.

In all, eleven state roads are closed due to major wildfires burning in New Mexico or due to the threat of wildfires. NMDOT reminds motorists that the following closures on state highways are in effect:

NM 165 and NM 536 are closed between Placitas and Sandia Crest

NM 4 is closed just north of La Cueva at mile marker 33

NM 126 is closed from the Copper Mine east of Cuba to La Cueva from mile marker 5 to mile marker 38

NM 63 is closed in the Pecos Canyon at mile marker 12

NM 526 is closed near Raton going to Lake Maloya

NM 475 is closed east of Ten Thousand Waves near Hyde Park area at mile marker 5

NM 592 is closed near Tesuque area and Forest Road 102

NM 502 westbound is closed at the Interchange of NM 4 and NM 502, at mile marker 6

NM 4 is closed just 5 miles west of White Road

NM 501 is closed at the junction of NM 501 and NM 4 at mile marker 1

For up-to-date information on road conditions visit the NMDOT road advisory web site at <http://nmroads.com/>

or call 511. Motorists are also encouraged to minimize distractions while driving, obey the posted speed limits, and pay close attention to road signs.