



# MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE

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To: PUBLIC NOTICE-ROAD CLOSURE CIENEGITA ROAD BIA ROUTE 22

From: Tyner Cervantes, Chief Conservation Officer *Tyner R. Cervantes*

Subject: Cienegita Road Closure BIA Route 22

This memorandum is in reference to BIA Route 22, Cienegita/Jose Road Closure for Heavy Snow/Icy conditions.

Due to anticipated heavy snow and icy conditions, BIA Route 22 will be closed during winter weather events and maybe prolonged till spring time due to heavy snow drifts. In the past, we have had numerous search and rescue/vehicle recoveries on BIA Route 22. Individuals become stuck in heavy snow drifts and request assistance/help on this route. This not only becomes a dangerous situation for the individuals due to extreme weather conditions and rugged terrain, but also for search/recovery teams.

Road Closure on Jose Second side will be near the Mud Springs road on the Jose Canyon side and just past the corrals on Cienegita road. The road will be closed by metal gate and posted of closure. Conservation Officers will determine when it is safe to reopen with the recommendation of the Tribal Roads Department Supervisor.

We do understand that individuals harvest wood in this area and hunt during the Inn of the Mountain Gods Big Games hunts, we will try to keep the road open as long as weather permits. Access will only be granted for radio tower service and ceremonial purposes only.

Violators will be prosecuted through Tribal Court during this closure.

Please feel free to contact the Conservation Office at 575-464-9323 if you have any questions.

Thank You