



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

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Mr. Wendall Heygood
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Dear Mr. Heygood:

Our memorandum of understanding concerning management of the Lincoln National Forest portion of the McGregor Missile Range provides for public access to the area on days when no firing is scheduled. It also states that you will furnish us a firing schedule.

Please furnish us with a current firing schedule, so that we may better plan the use of this National Forest land.

Each year at our annual game management meeting, we discuss the upcoming deer hunt with the State Game Department and the BLM. At your request this year, the game department recommended a weekend only hunt. Is this because of scheduled firing during the week?

The memorandum of understanding states that wildlife management will be in accordance with laws and regulations of the Forest Service and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The only valid reason for managing this area differently than the rest of the Sacramento Mountains would be a conflict with your firing schedule or public safety considerations.

We are concerned with public safety and wish to cooperate fully with your use of this land for national defense purposes. However, we feel strongly that game management on the area must be based on sound biological principles, and the public must not be denied the use of their land without just reason.

RICHARD L. JOURDEN
Acting Forest Supervisor