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## **Bureau of Land Management Reopens Valley of Fires**

ROSWELL – The Valley of Fires Recreation Area, operated by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, has reopened after completion of repaving projects, according to Tim Kreager, assistant manager of the Roswell BLM office.

The recreation area has been closed since June 18 while repaving was completed on about a mile of road and on parking and campsite areas. W.W. Construction of Ruidoso completed the approximately \$280,000 repaving project.

The recreation area is about 10 miles west of Carrizozo, off U.S. Highway 380. The area includes a group tent camping area, one group picnic shelter, 22 campsites suitable for recreation vehicles and 10 tent camping sites.

Valley of Fires is adjacent to the Malpais Lava Flow, which is between 1,500 and 2,000 years old. The youngest such flow in the continental United States, it is between 4 and 6 miles wide and is 160-feet deep at its thickest point.

In addition to the Valley of Fires Recreation Area, the BLM-Roswell office also maintains the Haystack Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle Area, 23 miles northeast of Roswell on U.S. Highway 70, and the Mescalero Sands Off-Highway Vehicle Area, 45 miles east of Roswell on U.S. Highway 380.

Additional information about the temporary construction closure and BLM recreation areas is available by calling 505/648-2241.

