



# NEWS RELEASE

US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ■ BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE ■ 620 E GREENE ST ■ CARLSBAD NM 88220

Hans Stuart ■ Public Affairs Chief ■ 505.438.7510

**For Immediate Release**  
**June 24, 2004**

**For Additional Information**  
Art Arias 505.234.5972  
Kitty Mulkey 505.438.7511

## Fireworks Never Allowed on Public Lands

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July approaching, the Bureau of Land Management's Carlsbad Field Office and the Forest Service's Guadalupe Ranger District want to remind the public that the use of fireworks on public lands is prohibited.

Federal law enforcement officers and fire crews will be patrolling the public lands. Anyone using or possessing fireworks on public lands could be cited and face a fine according to the Code of Federal Regulations, therefore, both the Forest Service and BLM ask the public to act responsibly.

With the additional rainfall this past spring, the region has seen an increase of fine fuels (grass) which are the primary carriers of fire. The current hot, dry weather conditions have started to dry the grasses out and sparks from fireworks could ignite these grasses and cause wildfires.

No fire restrictions are in place at this time on BLM lands and within the Guadalupe Ranger District. If you decide to light a camp fire or use a charcoal grill, please make sure your fire is completely out before leaving the area. Use lots of water and dirt, stirring the site with a stick, checking with your hand for any warm spots. The BLM and FS want you to enjoy your public lands. But please be careful with fire!

If you have any questions please contact Art Arias, BLM Assistant Fire Management Officer at 505-234-5972 or the Forest Service's Guadalupe Ranger District 505-885-4181.

-BLM-