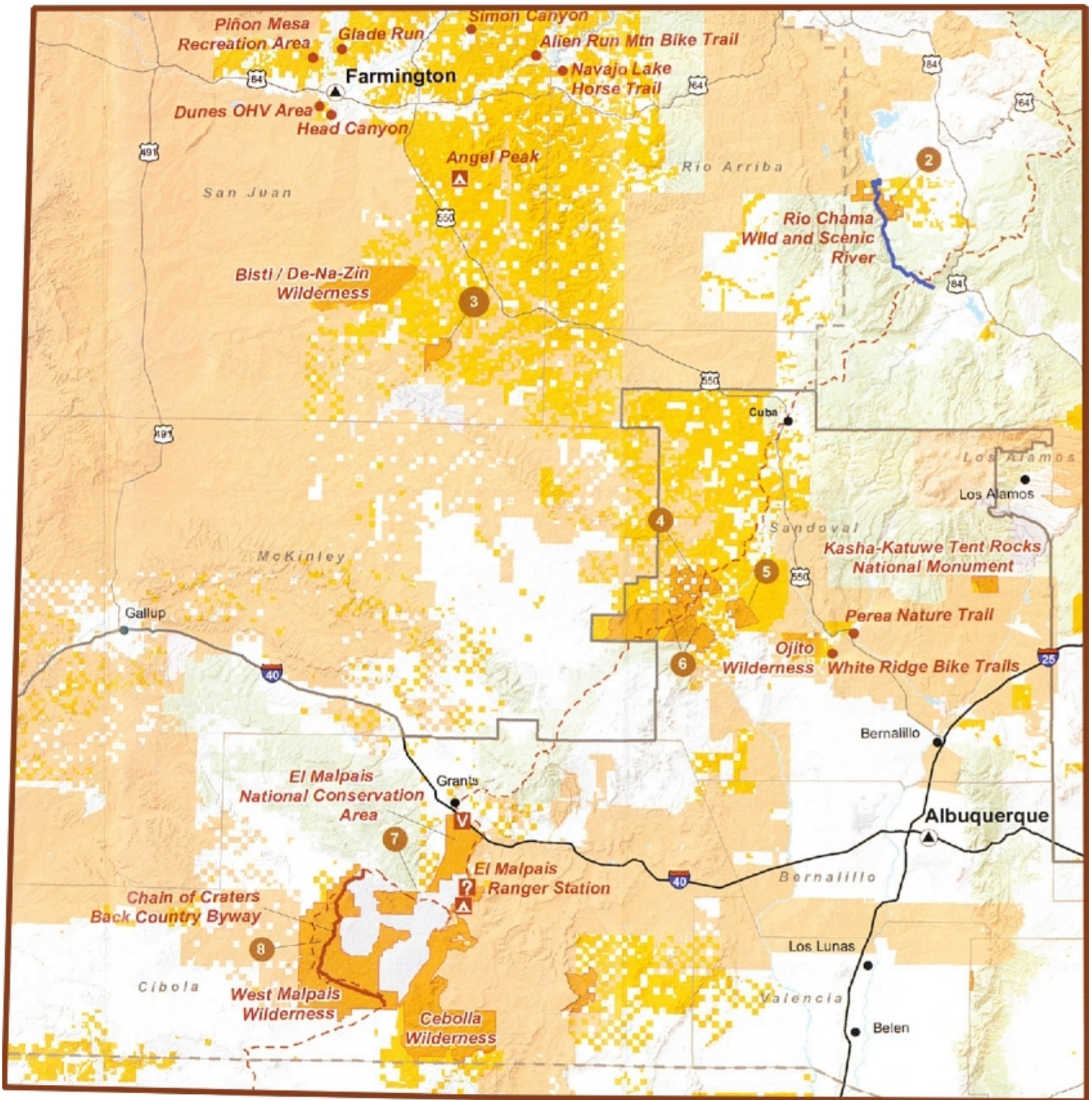


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<b>NORTHWEST</b>	Fee Site	Restrooms	Picnic Sites	Developed Campgrounds	Drinking Water	Visitor/Ranger Station	No Facilities	Dispersed Recreation	ATV/OHV Trails	Bicycle/Mounta in Biking	Fishing	Hiking	Horseback Riding	River Rafting	Driving Route
<b>Farmington Field Office (505) 564-7600</b>															
Alien Run Mountain Bike Trail							▲	●		●					
Angel Peak Recreation Area		▲	▲	▲								●			●
Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness							▲	●				●			
Dunes OHV Area							▲	●	●						
Glade Run Recreation Area							▲	●	●	●		●	●		●
Head Canyon Motocross Track							▲		●						
Navajo Lake Horse Trail							▲	●					●		●
Pinon Mesa Recreation Area							▲	●		●		●	●		●
Simon Canyon Recreation Area		▲	▲	▲				●			●	●			
<b>Wilderness Study Area</b>															
(3) Ah-shi-sle-pah Wilderness Study Area							▲	●							
<b>Rio Puerco Field Office (505) 761-8700</b>															
Cebolla Wilderness							▲	●				●			
Chain of Craters Back Country Byway							▲	●				●			●
El Malpais National Conservation Area		▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		●	●	●		●	●		●
Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument	▲	▲	▲									●			●
Ojito Wilderness							▲	●				●	●		
Perea Nature Trail							▲					●			
West Malpais Wilderness							▲	●				●			
White Ridge Bike Trails							▲	●		●		●	●		
<b>Wilderness Study Areas</b>															
(4) Empedrado and Le Lena							▲	●				●	●		
(5) Cabezon							▲	●				●	●		
(6) Chamisa and Ignacio Chavez							▲	●				●	●		
(7) El Malpais							▲	●				●	●		
(8) Chain of Craters							▲	●				●	●		
<b>Taos Field Office (575) 758-8851</b>															
Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River							▲	●			●			●	
<b>Wilderness Study Areas</b>															
(2) Rio Chama							▲				●	●	●		

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#### **ALIEN RUN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL**

Alien Run consists of two looped mountain bike trails that cover over 26 miles. The original loop and the Outer Limits trail circle around a rumored UFO crash site.

#### **ANGEL PEAK RECREATION AREA**

Within this 10,000-acre area rises the scenic Angel Peak at nearly 7,000 feet. A short nature trail leads to an overlook of blue and gray shale badlands formed from flood plains of ancient rivers. Angel Peak has three picnic areas with ADA accessible toilets, The campground has nine sites available for tent camping. There are ADA accessible restrooms but no electric hookups or water.

#### **BISTI/DE-NA-ZIN WILDERNESS**

A favorite with photographers for its hoodoo formations, the wilderness is a remote, desolate area of colorful badlands. Time and natural elements have created strange rock formations leaving the area with some of the most unusual scenery in New Mexico.

#### **DUNES OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) AREA**

This area is open to off-highway vehicle recreation. Over 800 acres are available for off-road enthusiast in this sand dune area.

#### **GLADE RUN RECREATION AREA**

The Glade offers many miles of marked trails for motorcycles, off-highway vehicles and mountain bike riders. The Road Apple Rally, the oldest continuously held mountain bike race in the nation, is an annual event at the Glade.

#### **HEAD CANYON MOTOCROSS TRACK**

Head Canyon provides an opportunity for off-highway vehicle users to ride or practice their skills on an open motocross track. The track covers most of the 140 acres found at Head Canyon.

#### **NAVAJO LAKE HORSE TRAIL**

The 6,750-acre area overlooks the Navajo Lake Reservoir. This equestrian trail provides scenic views of Navajo Lake Dam and the upper quality waters of the San Juan River.

#### **PINON MESA RECREATION AREA**

The Pinon Mesa Recreation Area is a beautiful badlands area for hiking, biking, and equestrian use. Off-highway vehicles are allowed on designated roads and trails with the area.

#### **SIMON CANYON RECREATION AREA**

This sandstone canyon offers dispersed camping, hiking, and bird watching. The San Juan River provides excellent fishing at the mouth of the canyon. Overlooking the area, the partially restored Simon Ruin, a single-room Navajo Pueblito, is built on top of a 20-foot boulder. The area has a restroom, picnic tables, and campfire rings. However, there is no drinking water or electricity.

#### **WILDERNESS STUDY AREA (WSA)**

##### **(3) AH-SHI-SLE-PAH WILDERNESS STUDY AREA**

Ah-shi-sle-pah WSA is a badland area of rolling hills carved by water into interesting shapes and hoodoos, with very little vegetation to conceal the geological formations. It's a land of sandstone caprocks and beautiful, soft colors rarely seen elsewhere.



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### **CEBOLLA WILDERNESS**

The 61,600-acre Cebolla Wilderness is made up of sandstone mesas, canyons, and grassy valleys. It contains La Ventana Natural Arch, a dramatic sandstone arch sculpted by wind and water. The Wilderness is located within the El Malpais National Conservation Area.

### **CHAIN OF CRATERS BACK COUNTRY BYWAY**

The byway passes through El Malpais National Conservation Area. See volcanic cinder cones, sandstone bluffs, explore hiking trails, and camp in this unique natural setting. High clearance vehicles are suggested.

### **EL- MALPAIS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA (NCA) 505-280-2918**

This "bad country" (El Malpais) includes lava flows, some up to 800,000 years old. A must-see is La Ventana Arch, a beautiful sandstone arch with easy access from Highway 117. The Joe Skeen Campground offers 10 campsites with picnic tables, shelters, and a restroom. There are also picnic tables at the Ranger Station, La Ventana Arch, and the Narrows Picnic Area. The Ranger Station has restrooms and drinking water. The NCA contains two Wilderness Areas – Cebolla and West Malpais.

### **KASHA-KATUWE TENT ROCKS NATIONAL MONUMENT 505-331-6259**

The scenic Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument (Monument) is known for its cone-shaped tent formations, composed of pumice, ash and tuff deposits from volcanic eruptions 6-7 million years ago. The Monument has two National Recreation Trails: the Slot Canyon and the Cave Loop. A 1-mile ADA accessible loop trail at the Veterans' Memorial Overlook has stunning views of the picturesque Peralta Canyon and Jemez Mountain peaks. There are picnic tables and restrooms. However, there is no drinking water. Dogs are not allowed at the Monument.

### **OJITO WILDERNESS**

Deep meandering arroyos offer miles of terrain in which to wonder amid canyons, cliffs, and sometimes colorful geological formations. Summer monsoon season can provide just enough rain to make this area flourish with blooming desert plants.

### **PEREA NATURE TRAIL**

The Perea Nature Trail is a flat one-mile interpretive trail that takes visitors through the riparian zone of the Rio Salado. Views from the trail include the purple-hued rock formations of the nearby Nacimiento Mountain chain.

### **WEST MALPAIS WILDERNESS**

The West Malpais Wilderness encompasses grassland, pinyon/juniper woodland, Ponderosa pine stands, and lava fields. A designated trail leads into Hole-in-the-Wall, an area surrounded, but not covered, by lava flows. The Wilderness is located within the El Malpais NCA.

### **WHITE RIDGE BIKE TRAILS**

The bike trails cross a landscape of spectacular beauty and exceptional geology. The trails were developed for mountain biking, however, hikers are also welcome. The western-most trail is also open to equestrian use.

### **WILDERNESS STUDY AREA (WSA)**

#### **(4) EMPEDRADO AND LA LENA**

Empedrado and La Lena WSAs feature deep arroyos, highly sculpted mesas, canyons, and sandstone and shale outcrops. Sweeping vistas can be found throughout these remote areas. The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (Continental Divide Trail) passes through these WSAs.

#### **(5) CABEZON**

Cabazon Peak's dramatic volcanic formation is a well-known New Mexico landmark, rising nearly 2,000 feet above the valley floor. A primitive trail leads to the base of the cliffs; basic mountaineering experience is required to reach the summit.

### **(6) CHAMISA AND IGNACIO CHAVEZ**

The northern portion of these adjacent WSAs is arid, while the southern portion consists of a higher plateau dominated by pinyon and Ponderosa pines. The Continental Divide Trail passes through the Ignacio Chavez WSA.

### **(7) EL MALPAIS**

This area is characterized by rugged basalt flows. Grassland, pinyon/juniper woodland, and open stands of Ponderosa pine cover the area. The Continental Divide Trail passes through the WSA.

### **(8) CHAIN OF CRATERS**

About 15 volcanic cinder cones are found here which are part of a larger group of craters. The lower elevations are dominated by pinyon/juniper woodlands giving way to forests of Ponderosa pine at higher elevations. The Continental Divide Trail passes through the WSA.

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### **RIO CHAMA WILD AND SCENIC RIVER**

The Rio Chama was congressionally designated in 1988 as a Wild and Scenic River. Towering cliffs, heavily wooded side canyons and historic sites offer an outstanding wild river backdrop for angler or boater. Access is primarily by boat, however, you can hike to the river in a few areas.

### ***WILDERNESS STUDY AREA (WSA)***

#### **(2) RIO CHAMA**

The landscape of the Rio Chama WSA consists of gently rolling sagebrush covered plains and a 900-foot deep canyon of colorful siltstone and sandstone carved by the Rio Chama.