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Subject: Firewood Available to Accord Pueblo Members at Los Alamos National Laboratory

Dear Governor Quintana,

The Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Wildland Fire and Forest Management Program continued its wildland fire-fuels reduction mitigation work this year, producing a significant amount of firewood. I am pleased to announce that this resource will once again be made available to members of Cochiti Pueblo.

LANL personnel have cut the firewood into unsplit 14-inch and 18-inch sections and accumulated them at the same location as last year. The enclosed map provides directions to the collection point. As we did last year, we defer to the Accord Pueblo Governors to determine which Accord Pueblo members may access the area to collect firewood and when. LANL will comply with the collection strategy that each Accord Pueblo determines best meets its individual needs.

The firewood this year will be staged in one large pile to facilitate multiple loading points. Cochiti Pueblo members may obtain firewood on a first-come-first-serve basis from the pile commencing on **Thursday, October 22, 2026, through Sunday, October 25, 2026**. Accord Pueblo members will have access until all the available firewood is depleted. The site will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on each of the assigned days. If firewood remains after this weekend, we will share information for distribution the following weekend via email.

Traffic cones at the site will be in place to control traffic and position collection vehicles. Please observe these markings. Porta Johns will be available at the site. Approximately 200+ cords of firewood are staged at the site. There should be room to load 15 vehicles at a time. If more vehicles arrive on site at any one time, we ask that Accord Pueblo members maintain their place in the queue and be mindful of the time they take to load their vehicle. Accord Pueblo members may make as many trips as they desire until the firewood is expended. Other than retrieving and hauling the firewood, no cutting or splitting will be permitted onsite, the use of personal tractors, skid steers, or other mechanical means of loading will not be permitted. LANL personnel will not be available to assist in loading activities.

Cochiti Pueblo members must bring a copy of this letter with them as proof that they are an Accord Pueblo member. They will also need the letter in case they are stopped after leaving LANL property by local law enforcement or U.S. Forest Service law enforcement.

Please remind your members not to bring prohibited items onto LANL property including firearms, ammunition, chainsaws, illegal substances, alcohol, and explosive devices. Taking pictures with cameras or cell phone cameras is also prohibited on LANL property.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, you may contact Margeau Valteau, margeau.valteau@nnsa.doe.gov or my staff at (240) 782-5759.

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Enclosures: Firewood Map

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