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CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT – NEWS RELEASE

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Bonita Canyon Drive OPENS Today, December 8, 2011 at Chiricahua National Monument

Beginning today, Bonita Canyon Drive, Massai Pt, Echo Canyon, and all areas of Chiricahua National Monument are open to the public. Work began in October to repair the damage to the guardrail along the upper section of the road that was burned during the Horseshoe Two Fire; all repairs have been completed. The hikers' shuttle will resume operations and entrance fees will be collected beginning Saturday, December 10. The human-caused Horseshoe Two fire began on May 8, 2011 fifteen miles south of Chiricahua National Monument in Horseshoe Canyon. The fire burned through most of the monument, but with varying intensity, so there are still many areas that remain green. Forty-nine days after it began, the Horseshoe Two fire was finally contained on June 25, 2011.

For additional information call the Chiricahua National Monument visitor center at 520-824-3560.

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