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Guadalupe Mountains National Park Lifts Temporary Restrictions on Backcountry Overnight Camping and Fire Ignition Sources

(Pine Springs, TX) Guadalupe Mountains National Park Superintendent Dennis A. Vásquez announced, today, the lifting of temporary restrictions the park had implemented earlier this summer on overnight camping in backcountry campgrounds and on smoking and other potential fire ignition sources throughout the park. However, open fires are still not allowed in the park.

Due to high fire danger this summer, the park had implemented restrictions on smoking and use of camp stoves, lanterns and other potential sources of fire ignitions on May 12 and closed all ten of its backcountry campgrounds to overnight camping beginning July 1. However, with recent storm activity, increased greening of vegetation fuels and increased relative humidity, the fire hazard has decreased in the park, allowing lifting of those restrictions.

Said Vásquez, “the improvement in fire hazard conditions has decreased the potential for fire sufficiently that we are able to lift the restrictions at this time. However, that potential has not been eliminated, and we caution visitors to continue to take care with their camp stoves and lanterns, to completely extinguish cigarette butts and be vigilant. Our primary concern, as always, is for the safety of visitors and park staff, and to protect park resources, so we are continuing to monitor fire conditions and will act accordingly. Anyone observing any fire activity in the park should immediately report it to park staff.”

Park information, including park conditions, closures or restrictions, weather and program information, may be found on the park’s website at www.nps.gov/gumol/, the park’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/guadalupe.mountains, or by contacting the Headquarters (Pine Springs) Visitor Center at (915) 828-3251 x2124 or any park ranger. The Headquarters (Pine Springs) Visitor Center, which includes a bookstore operated by the Carlsbad Caverns Guadalupe Mountains Association, the park’s non-profit cooperating

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association partner, is open daily (except for Christmas) from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM (8:00 AM until 6:00 PM between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day). There is no public transportation to the park. The nearest gasoline, lodging and groceries are 35 miles away. Motorists traveling past the park along U.S. Hwy 62/180 may tune in to the park's Traveler Information Station at 1610 AM for up-to-date park information.

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