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White Sands News Release

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Unmanned Airplane Crashed in White Sands National Monument

Alamogordo, NM - At approximately 9:08 a.m. today an unmanned QF-4 drone from Holloman Air Force Base crashed in White Sands National Monument. No injuries occurred. There is no threat to the public at this time. Dunes Drive in the monument will remain closed indefinitely while staff from Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range investigate the crash site. The White Sands visitor center and gift shop will remain open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. There is no visitor access to the sand dunes, picnic areas, or hiking trails while Dunes Drive remains closed for the investigation and cleanup.

White Sands National Monument routinely supports missile tests conducted by White Sands Missile Range. It is common practice to close Dunes Drive as a precautionary measure to ensure public safety during missile tests when flight paths include airspace over the monument. The closure of Dunes Drive this morning before the missile test ensured no injuries resulted from this accident.

For more information about visitor services at White Sands National Monument, call 575-479-6124 ext. 236.

For more information about the QF-4 drone crash call Holloman Air Force Base at 575-572-7381.

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