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Fall Colors, Treasures Abound at 26-Mile ‘Jemez Mountain Trail Sale,’ Oct. 17 & 18

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—The longest yard sale in New Mexico – the 12th annual “Jemez Mountain Trail Sale” on Oct. 17 and 18 – will give bargain shoppers and antique lovers a chance to find new and used treasures while enjoying the priceless view of the fall colors, at its peak, along a scenic 26-mile stretch of the Jemez Mountain Trail.

Though the actual 163-mile Jemez Mountain Trail extends from the town of Bernalillo to Bandelier National Park, the 26-mile Jemez Mountain Trail Sale begins at the village of San Ysidro, at the junction of NM 550 and NM, and continues through Jemez Springs, to the town of La Cueva where it continues onto Thompson Ridge and up NM 126.

“Since 2003, the Jemez Mountain Trail Sale has grown exponentially, and has quickly become not only the longest yard sale in the state but the most beautiful, where the fall colors are at their peak along the scenic Jemez Mountain Trail making for a spectacular drive through Jemez Springs,” said co-organizer Dick Nelson.

Formerly known as the “26-Mile Sale,” the two day yard sale takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. From San Ysidro to La Cueva, there will nearly a dozen “cluster locations” available to those who want to setup a table. Sellers from throughout New Mexico are invited to bring their own tables to sell their wares. Most locations are free; however some clusters are $10 and include a 10x10 selling space. Interested parties need to contact cluster organizers to reserve a spot and inquire about costs. Locations include:

- Aspen Ridge Alpacas, Thompson Ridge (reserve at 575-829-3312);
- Fitzgerald Park in downtown Jemez Springs (reserve at dicknelson39@aol.com);
- Lillian Siquiero, Treher and Mooney roads (reserve at 505-206-4606);
- Jemez Stage Stop restaurant (reserve at 575-829-3829);
- Jemez Valley Community Center, Cañon (reserve at 575-834-7630);
- La Cueva Automotive (reserve at 575-834-7630);
- La Cueva Lodge (reserve at 575-829-3300);
- Sun and Fire Pottery on Jemez Pueblo (reserve at 505-220-5639);
- Trail House Grocery (reserve at 575-829-4098);
- Walatowa Visitor Center in Jemez Pueblo (reserve at 575-834-7235) and;
- Weekends, Jemez Springs (reserve at weekends@windstream.net).

Last year, the trail sale drew more than 100 tables at 13 clusters. Items for sale range from handcrafted items, jewelry and artwork to used cars, furniture, books, appliances and knick knacks. Pottery, art and handcrafted items from Jemez Pueblo along with fundraiser tables set up by churches, schools, and other organizations may also be available.
Sellers are encouraged to team up with family and friends, as buyers are more likely to stop at larger multi-family sales. Sellers are also advised to create signage to encourage sellers to stop.

As a reminder, it is illegal to set up along highway right of ways, Forest Service property, fishing accesses and private property, without the owner’s permission.

This year, the Trail Sale will have a fundraiser tent in the Village Park, where sellable items will be accepted beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. After the sale, sellers can bring unsold, leftover items to the Village Park tent on Sunday, Oct. 18, where items will be donated to Watermelon Mountain Ranch.

Travelers are asked to drive slowly through Jemez Pueblo and Jemez Springs. Travelers on NM-4 can expect to see roads lined with yellow daisies, golden snakeweed, and orange and gold-hued Cottonwood trees trailing the Jemez River with the backdrop of the rust colored Jemez Mountains.

Other attractions in and around Jemez Springs worth seeing include: Soda Dam, Jemez Historic Site, hot springs which are available at both Giggling Springs and Jemez Historic Bathhouse or wild hot springs at Spence and McCauley; Valles Caldera National Park; art galleries including Jemez Fine Art, Jemez Artisans, and Janecka Collection, among others. Visit jemezsprings.org/shopping.html for a complete list of shops and galleries in Jemez Springs.

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