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On Saturday, June 1, 2002, a lightning storm passed over Philmont Scout Ranch. The storm caused several fires on/and around Philmont's North Country. The New Mexico State Forestry Department has turned the management of the fires to a Type II Fire Management Team.

Due to the severe drought, the Valle Vidal has been closed since May 15 and remains closed. The Ranch is also complying with the New Mexico Statewide fire ban.

With this in mind, all Philmont north of Highway 64 will be closed until the New Mexico State Forestry Department has lifted the use restrictions caused by the fire.

It is the desire of the Philmont Scout Ranch to fulfill Philmont Dreams. Plans are in motion to accommodate all of the 2002 crews. In order to accomplish this, all itineraries will be directed to the Central and South Country.

While we realize this experience may be different than originally planned, our 2002 Staff has trained and is prepared to deliver a great and unique Philmont experience.

All itineraries that travel through areas north of Highway 64 (to include the Valle Vidal) will be changed. To facilitate this process, Philmont will make a sincere effort to assign an itinerary in the South and Central parts of the Ranch that accommodate similar North Country programs.

We realize this accommodation may have an impact on all itineraries.

Please be assured Philmont stands ready to deliver the finest and safest High Adventure and Training Programs possible.

*Please note: Due to the possibility of smoky conditions at Philmont during the first part of summer, the Philmont Medical Staff would strongly encourage individuals with respiratory disease such as asthma, chronic bronchitis or emphysema to discuss the advisability of participation with their doctor. If the participant has asthma which requires medications to be given 3-4 times daily to maintain control, the Philmont Medical Staff would suggest that individual not participate this year. If there are any questions regarding these issues, please contact the Medical Staff at Philmont.*