



CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF

NEWS RELEASE

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The Conejos County Sheriff's Office is requesting cooperation from Hunters and Outdoorsmen venturing into the backcountry. Due to the recent snow storm and high winds, treacherous condition has, and will continue to develop. Since the 6th of November Conejos County Search and Rescue Teams have been activated over a dozen times for people unprepared for the conditions in the lower prairie and mountains. The conditions have deteriorated to the point of authorities talking of a Mandatory Emergency Evacuation Order be put into place. For the time being it is only a possibility. If conditions continue to deteriorate it will be an option for officials.

With the deep snow animals have been forced down into the lower prairie country. Wildlife Officials along with Deputies have delt with numerous calls pertaining to animals being harassed by Atv's, Utv's and snowmobiles. Hunters should be aware that these actions will NOT be tolerated. Anyone caught harassing or pursuing animals with a vehicle, Atv, Utv or snowmobile will be cited. These vehicles are only allowed on marked for use roads. Any use off a designated roadway is illegal.