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## F-16 Mishap near Holloman Air Force Base

**HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.** – A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 49th Wing crashed west of Holloman Air Force Base near White Sands National Park at approximately 11:50 a.m. today.

The sole pilot on board successfully ejected and was transported by ambulance for medical care.

All non-emergency personnel should avoid the area to prevent possible exposure to hazardous chemicals onboard the aircraft.

Emergency response teams are responding to the scene using the entrance road into White Sands National Park. White Sands National Park is open but certain areas are currently closed to the public to allow for emergency response. Check the White Sands National Park website for information about closures:  
<https://www.nps.gov/whsa/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>

An investigation conducted by a board of qualified officers is underway to determine the cause of the incident. Additional details will be released as they become available.

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