



SOUTHWEST AREA TYPE 1 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2 DAVE BALES - INCIDENT COMMANDER

Nogal Canyon Fire – Monday, April 18, 2022 Daily Update

Acres: 412

Cause: Downed power lines

Containment: 58%

Start Date: April 12, 2022

Personnel: 144

Location/Origin: Nogal Canyon, west of Capitan

Fuels: Ponderosa pine, pinon and juniper, grasses

Structures burned: 6 primary, 8 outbuildings

Highlights: Due to more accurate mapping, we have a slight decrease in the size of the fire but containment has increased.

Operations: Fire activity was low to moderate yesterday. Crews observed single tree torching and smoldering stumps within the interior of the fire. This activity occurred as winds increased throughout the day, impacting the northeast corner of the fire. Ground crews coordinated with the helicopter for water bucket drops to cool the heat as fire activity increased. Today, firefighters are actively patrolling the uncontained fire perimeter to locate and extinguish hotspots. They are working in steep, rugged terrain and will utilize available aircraft for water drops where they can do so safely.

Firefighters have been working closely with the power company so they can gain access to power lines. Work is being done to conduct repairs and make assessments for additional work needed. Residents in the area should expect to see this activity continue for the next few days.

With the increased containment and objectives being met across the fire area, the Incident Management Team will begin to release resources. This process is known as right-sizing the organization and allows resources to be made available to assist with other fires across the southwest.

Evacuations: All evacuations have been lifted. Only residents will be permitted entry to access their homes.

Hunters/Campers will not be allowed in the area until further notice.

Restrictions/Closures: Nogal Canyon remains closed to the public beyond 399 Canyon Rd at the forest boundary. Please respect the restrictions and closures in place. Violations impede firefighter response and delay suppression activities. With firefighters and utility companies working within the repopulated area, anyone driving in the area is asked to reduce their speed and turn on headlights for visibility.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place: Wildfires are a NO Drone Zone. Flying a drone (UAS – Unmanned Aerial System) within a TFR is illegal and impedes fire suppression efforts. Report drones to local law enforcement. If You Fly, We Can't!

Weather: Temperatures will be in the low to mid 70s with winds out of the south, southwest. Expect winds 15-20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. There is a low probability of thunderstorms developing near the fire area.

Smoke: Members of the public in the surrounding area may see smoke as fire moves through unburned vegetation.

Fire Information: Public Phone Line 505-356-2636 Media Phone Line 505-445-8278 Phone Lines open 8am-8pm

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8062/>

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