



Mesquite Heat Fire

Daily Update

Monday May 23, 2022



Email: 2022.mesquiteheat@firenet.gov (9 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

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Current Situation

Yesterday, firefighters increased containment to 52%. On the north side, firefighters continued to mop up hotspots and connect dozer lines. The south side of the fire has very rough terrain requiring firefighters to build line by hand. Firefighters mopped up hotspots in draws and canyons. A night shift worked with landowners moving back into the area to address concerns around structures.

Minimal fire behavior is expected today due to predicted rain and cloud cover. Isolated flare ups are possible, and residents may see smoke scattered in the duff.

Today, firefighters will continue to build on containment lines, widening lines and connecting gaps where needed. Aviation resources are available to assist with any increased fire activity.

Weather

Southeast winds up to 15 miles per hour will continue to bring in moisture. There is a 70% chance of thunderstorms today. Some storms are expected to be strong or severe with hail, locally heavy rain, and periods of frequent lightning. Temperatures will reach the upper-70s with relative humidity in the mid-50s.

Resources

Assigned resources include 218 personnel, a Type 3 helicopter, 29 engines, a tractor plow and nine dozers.

Closures

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_2_7798.html.

Remember—Do not fly drones over the fire. If you fly, we can't.

Mesquite Heat Quick Facts

Size	11,256
Containment	52 percent
Start Date	May 17, 2022
Cause	Roadside start
Location	Off Hwy. 277, 20 miles SW of Abilene
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