



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Carson National Forest

Comanche Fire Update

June 16, 2023

Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team
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Fire Information: 505-418-1038
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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>



Upcoming Actions: Over the next few days, fire crews will establish containment lines around the lightning-caused Comanche Fire and make provisions for possible firing operations later in the week. The fire is in Comanche Canyon near the communities of El Rito and Abiquiu.

The focus area is approximately 10,000 acres. As the progression of the fire continues, the final size of the fire will be defined by weather, fire behavior, terrain, fuels conditions and additional management actions.

A goal of the Carson National Forest is to use naturally ignited fires to protect, maintain and enhance resources and move ecosystems toward desired conditions.

Closure: The team is planning to temporarily close a portion of Forest Road 137 and Forest Road 20 beginning this weekend.

Community Open House: Drop in between 4 and 6 p.m. on Sat., Jun. 17, at the El Rito Senior/Community Center at State Rd. 554, House #1115. Presentation at 4:30 p.m.

Smoke: As the fire increases in size and firing operations commence, smoke may be visible from Abiquiu, Canjilon, El Rito and the Espanola Valley and may continue to show for several days. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with heart or respiratory problems are encouraged to take precautionary measures. For information on air quality and protecting your health, please visit <https://nmfireinfo.com/smoke-management/>.

Fast Facts

Size: 20 acres

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Ponderosa pine and mixed conifer

Values at risk: Cultural/historical sites.

Percent Completed: 1%

Resources: 2 hand crews, 2 wildland fire modules, 5 engines, 2 dozers, 1 water tender, 2 REMS teams, total personnel 130

Keep updated on the Comanche Fire at InciWeb and @CarsonNF on Twitter and Facebook.

