



Comanche Fire Update

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Upcoming Actions: Fire crews will hold off firing operations to strengthen containment lines until Tuesday due to forecasted winds Monday. Fire managers and specialists, including a meteorologist, are closely monitoring weather and fuels for optimal conditions to commence ignitions on the naturally caused fire. The fire is staffed with over 150 people from federal, state and local government from across New Mexico. Our cooperators play a critical role in a collaborative “all hands, all lands” approach to wildland fire management.

Smoke: Once firing conditions improve, ignitions will begin. Smoke may be visible from Canjilon, Abiquiu, and El Rito. Smoke may impact the communities of Abiquiu, El Rito, Medenales, Hernandez and the Espanola Valley. Temporary smoke monitors have been placed at the El Rito Ranger Station, and at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu. Air quality data from these smoke monitors is available from the [Fire and Smoke Map](#) at fire.airnow.gov, where you can track smoke from the Comanche Fire.

Closure: Temporary partial road closures are in effect on Forest Roads 137 and 20. These closures are in effect during firing operations for safety of the public and fire crews.

Fast Facts

Size: 32 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, 6 engines, 1 dozer, 2 water tender, 2 REMS teams, total personnel 162



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Fire and Smoke Map