



Comanche Fire Update

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Upcoming Actions: Fire activity on the eastern flank of the fire has reduced significantly. Crews patrol the fire, gridding for hotspots and cooling them to further control the fire. Most of the fire activity remains on the western flank where crews are working through rugged and steep terrain to strengthen control lines. Crew members are working with resource advisers to plan for fire line repair work to reduce erosion and rehabilitate areas affected by suppression activity. A Fire Weather Watch is in effect today with chances of dry thunderstorms this afternoon.

While the ultimate footprint is less than initially anticipated, the Comanche Fire has had the desired ecological effects in the areas it has burned, cleaning up the understory and allowing for better forest health.

Smoke: Smoke may be visible from Canjilon, Abiquiu, El Rito and as far as Santa Fe and Taos. It may impact the communities of Abiquiu, El Rito, Medenales, Hernandez and the Española Valley. Temporary smoke monitors have been placed at the El Rito Ranger Station, Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu and the Chevron station in Hernandez. Air quality data is available from the [Fire and Smoke Map](https://fire.airnow.gov/) at fire.airnow.gov.

Special Messages: There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the fire area. For the safety of aerial resources and personnel on the ground, do not fly drones in the fire vicinity. If you fly, we can't.

Closure: Temporary partial road closures are in effect on Forest Roads 137 and 20.

Fast Facts

Size: 1,974 acres

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Ponderosa pine and mixed conifer

Values at risk: Cultural/historical sites.

Percent Completed: 20%

Resources: 1 hand crews, 2 wildland fire modules, 2 engines, 1 dozer, 2 water tender, 2 REMS teams, total personnel 172



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Fire and Smoke Map