Carson National Forest

Comanche Fire Update June 28, 2023

Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team Luke McLarty, Incident Commander

Fire Information: 505-418-1038 2023.comanche@firenet.gov https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/



Upcoming Actions: Fire crews are working with resource advisers to rehabilitate areas affected by fire management activity. Crews are focused on suppression repair work, including reseeding, fixing fences, installing erosion control features and closing dozer lines. Fire activity has reduced significantly, and crews continue to patrol by gridding for hotspots and cooling them for further control.

The naturally caused 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 at fire.airnow.gov.

Special Messages: There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the fire area. For the safety of aerial resources and fire crews on the ground, please 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: 50%

Resources: 1 hand crew, 2 wildland fire modules, 4 engines, 1 grader, 2 water tender, 1 REMS teams, total personnel 117



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Fire and Smoke Map