

## Rico Fire Update - June 28, 2023

Location: ¼ mile NW of Pinos Altos, NM | Size: 328 acres | Containment: 70% | Personnel: 141

Start Date: June 20, 2023 | Cause: Under investigation | Fuels: Slash, timber and brush

## This is the last DAILY update for the RICO FIRE

SILVER CITY, NM, June 28, 2023 – This is the last daily update for the Rico Fire. Following the standard naming convention for wildfires, the "Rico Fire" was named after a nearby geographical feature, Arroyo Rico. Today is considered a transition day, as the Albuquerque Zone Incident Management Team transfers command of the fire to Incident Commander, Jesse Holguin from the BLM. Holguin will oversee a less complex incident with the appropriate number and type of resources to complete the work that remains. Many resources are strategically "released" from the fire at this stage, however the Incident Commander can exercise his authority to request or release resources, as needed. Public Information Officers are being released and will no longer be running traplines nor issuing daily fire updates.

**Situational Awareness Reminder for All:** Fire season has arrived in the Southwest. Be aware of the conditions in and around the places you live, work and play. Lightning-caused fires can strike anywhere, at any time, and so can human-caused fires. Be aware, alert and informed. Become familiar with the New Mexico Fire Information website: <a href="MMFireInfo"><u>MMFireInfo</u></a> for statewide information on Fire Restrictions, tips on fire prevention and wildfire smoke emissions that may affect your health. This site also hosts current fire information on active fires in New Mexico.

**Bear Creek Road is not closed:** Please reduce speed and proceed with caution as firefighting operations are ongoing. There is still high use of firefighter traffic on Bear Creek Road.

Road Closure Status: There are NO ROAD CLOSURES associated with the Rico Fire.

**Residual Smoke**: Expected to settle into lower elevations. Smoke sensitive individuals who want to learn more should follow recommendations at <a href="MMFireInfo Smoke Management">MMFireInfo Smoke Management</a>

For more information: visit <u>NMFireInfo</u> or the Inciweb direct link to the <u>Rico Fire</u>

**Rico Fire Information:** 575-323-1533, 8 am - 4 pm, the fire information phone line will be deactivated at 4 pm today.