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NEW WILDFIRE START: Whiskey Hill Fire on the Magdalena Ranger District

Albuquerque, NM – July 11, 2023

New Fire Start Location: Southeast of San Mateo Mts on the Magdalena Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands. The origin of the fire start is on Forest Service land adjacent to State and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

Reported start date / time: July 11, 2023 / 1536

Size: 75 acres

Cause: Lightning strike.

Vegetation: Juniper, grass and brush.

Resources: Multiple resources responding from US Forest Service (USFS), New Mexico Forestry Division (NMFD) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Strategy: Suppression.

Values at risk: At this time, the Whiskey Hill Fire is not a threat to any values at risk or communities, and *there are no evacuations in effect*.

Safety: The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority. Members of the public should avoid the Whiskey Hill Fire area on the Magdalena Ranger District.

Drones pose a serious risk to firefighting and can cause air operations to cease.

The public is reminded that **“If you fly, we can’t!”**

Smoke may be visible west from I-25 in between San Antonio and Truth or Consequences, NM within a 50 mile radius of the Whiskey Hill Fire. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Information on air quality and protecting your health can be found online at the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) website nmtracking.org

Weather: Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. <https://www.weather.gov/>

Fire updates will be posted on the [Cibola NF & NGs website](#), [New Mexico Fire Information website](#), and the Cibola NF & NGs [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) pages.

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