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New Wildfire Start – Hutchinson Fire Magdalena Ranger District – July 23

Reported date / time: July 23, 2023 / 1300.

Cause: Lightning Strike

Size: 5 acres.

Location: Remote mountainous terrain of central west San Mateo Mts. on the Magdalena Ranger District – New Mexico on the Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands.

On Scene: Wallowa-Whitman NF Engine 653 and Magdalena RD Crew 3.

Fuels: Grass, timber and brush.

Fire behavior: The Hutchinson Fire is exhibiting moderate fire behavior.

Containment: 0%.

Values at risk: The Hutchinson 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 Hutchinson Fire area of 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 from NM 107 south of Magdalena and NM 52 south and within a 50 mile radius of the Hutchinson 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 for Magdalena NM: Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest after midnight. <https://www.weather.gov/>

Hutchinson 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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