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## Hutchinson Wildfire – July 24 Update

### Magdalena Ranger District

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

**Cause:** Lightning Strike

**Size:** 25 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:** Magdalena RD Crew 3 & Engine 631, Wallowa-Whitman NF Engine 653, Lewis & Clark NF Engine 661, Firestorm 5 Type 2IA Crew, NMFD Type 2IA Crew and air resources.

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

**Strategy:** Confine and contain.

**Fuels:** Grass, timber and brush.

**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, NM 52 south, Community of Dusty 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](http://nmtracking.org)

**Weather for Magdalena NM:** This Afternoon: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. <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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