



Forest Service News Release

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American Mesa Fire Update for Aug. 14

TAOS, N.M., Aug. 14, 2023 – There is light at the end of the tunnel for the American Mesa Fire as the crews have brought the fire to 82% containment. The size remains at 386 acres. Due to the current weather pattern, infrared (IR) flights are no longer needed and have been canceled.

“It was a quiet day on the fire,” explained Incident Commander Brian Kitchen, “We used the recent precipitation to our advantage which allowed the crews to make great progress on the fireline.”

As of August 13, the fire released all air resources. The local community can expect less fire traffic around the surrounding areas due to the continual downsizing of the fire.

The forecast calls for cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning, then showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Temperatures may be cooler with gusty and erratic winds near the thunderstorms. Unless significant activity changes, the final American Mesa Fire Updates will be posted by the Carson National Forest.

The public can get updates for the American Mesa Fire on [InciWeb](#), [New Mexico Fire Information](#) and Carson National Forest social media channels on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) (formerly Twitter).

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