



Forest Service News Release

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American Mesa Fire Update for Aug. 8

TAOS, N.M., Aug. 8, 2023 – A Type 3 Incident Management Team, Nevada Team 2, took command of the fire at 6:00 a.m. on August 8. Fire crews have made excellent progress in holding the fire at 756 acres, with 25% containment.

“We received an outstanding hand off from Carson National Forest Operations,” said Incident Commander Brian Kitchen, “We want to ensure crews are staying safe while keeping the fire at bay during this transition.”

There are currently 160 personnel on scene including hot shots, engines, and hand crews. Crews are actively engaged on the fire line working on mop up operations. There are no immediate threats to structures.

The forecast is more favorable than originally predicted which will help firefighters further contain the fire. Mostly clear and sunny skies are forecast on Wednesday, with a 0% chance of showers. Temperatures may be cooler with breezy conditions and occasional wind gusts up to 22 mph in the afternoon.

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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