



Forest Service News Release

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New Fire Start Near El Valle, N.M.

TAOS, N.M., Sep. 8, 2023 - Carson National Forest fire crews and local fire departments are taking suppression actions on the 100-acre El Valle Fire on Carson National Forest. It is located in the vicinity of the communities of El Valle and Las Trampas.

The Taos County Sheriff's Department has called for the following evacuations, based on the [Ready, Set, Go!](#) system:

- Go: El Valle, Las Trampas
- Set: Ojo Sarco, Chamisal and Llano San Juan

This is an emerging incident and residents and visitors are urged to continue to follow developments and adhere to emergency personnel instructions.

Other closures include Highway 76 between Truchas, N.M., and the intersection with Highway 75 in Peñasco, N.M. The Santa Barbara Campground is also closed.

The fire is burning in timber with a rapid rate of spread. Aircraft and more ground crews are on order.

Smoke from the fire was first reported at 12:49 p.m.

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