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Blue Fire Evening Update, May 22, 2024

Update: The Blue 2 Fire remains at approximately 48 acres and is burning within the White Mountain Wilderness in an area previously burned by the Little Bear fire in 2012. This area has mostly dead and down fuels in steep and rugged terrain with numerous [snags](#) in the area. A transfer of command from the local unit to the Albuquerque Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team is set to take place Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00am.

“We want to be strategic about where we engage this fire,” said Jennifer Thomas, District Ranger for Smokey Bear Ranger District. “Crews will be assessing existing trail systems and roadways as possible containment lines”

Part of the suppression efforts include restricting access to part of the National Forest wilderness within and around the White Mountain Area. [CLICK FOR MORE](#)

The western boundary of the restricted area is located at the junction of National Forest Service Road (NFSR) 107 and Big Bonito trail #36, to the junction of Aspen Trail # 35 to the junction of Crest Trail #25.

The Southern boundary is at the junction of Aspen Trail # 35 and the Crest Trail #25 along the crest trail to the junction of Rodamaker Trail # 20.

The eastern boundary is the junction of the crest trail and Rodamaker Trail # 20 along the Rodamaker Trail # 20 to the junction of NFSR 107.

The northern boundary is the junction of Rodamaker Trail # 20 along NFSR 107 to the Big Bonito trail #36.

Light smoke may be visible, but significant impacts to the community are not currently expected.

More Information:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LincolnNationalForest

NM Fire Info: www.NMFireInfo.com

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmlnf-blue-2-fire>

Closure information: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-publication/nmlnf-blue-2-fire/-closure-update-for-trails-on-white-mountain-wilderness-area-05-22-2024>

You can expect another update tomorrow, May 23, 2024.

Start Date / Time: May 17, 2024, approximately 3:45 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Size: Blue Fire:.5 acres Blue 2 Fire: 48 acres

Location: White Mountain Wilderness

Resources: Aerial and ground surveillance

Types of vegetation in the area (aka fuels): Dead and dead/down trees

Containment: 0%

Tactic: Full Suppression

Road Closures: None

Smoke: Light

Evacuations: None

Area Closures: [Part of White Mountain Wilderness Area](#)

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