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Blue 2 Fire Evening Update, May 25, 2024

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

Cause: Lightning

Size: Blue 2 Fire: 3,249 acres

Location: White Mountain Wilderness

Resources: 259 Personnel, more enroute

Vegetation/Fuels: Dead and dead/down trees

Containment: 0%

Tactic: Full Suppression

Smoke: Moderate / Wind Influenced Smoke

Evacuation: Go Now: Loma Grande, Bonito Lake Road, Forest Service Road 108, Forest Service Road 107, Villa Madonna Subdivision, Forest Service Road 127A, also known as Upper Eagle Creek off of ski run road and surrounding area along 523 Ski Run Road

Be Set: Sierra Vista Subdivision, Sun Valley Subdivision, Angus Communities West of NM 48 East of NM 37, Ski Run Road, Alto Area, Eagle Creek Sports Complex, Cora Dutton Area.

Be Ready: East of Enchanted Loop Communities, North towards Nogal, Village of Capitan.

Update: As of today, there have been no lives or structures lost. Today's full suppression tactics consisted of ground operations with a focus on scouting control lines and beginning the construction of containment lines. The Albuquerque type three zone team will transition leadership to the Complex Incident Management Team 3 with Matt Rau assuming incident command. High winds hindered aerial operations today. Current acreage numbers were provided by an infrared flight flown May 24. Smoke continues to be visible in the populated areas of Ruidoso and Capitan. The same weather pattern is expected for the next operational period. A red flag warning was issued for the fire this afternoon, and it is expected to extend through the weekend.

Shelters: Lincoln County Fairgrounds / 101 5th St. Capitan NM 88316

Animal Shelters: Humane Society of Lincoln County / 25962 US Hwy 70 Ruidoso NM 88345

Area Closures: Part of White Mountain Wilderness Area, See link for more information:

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

More Information:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LincolnNationalForest

NM Fire Info: www.NMFireInfo.com

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

Lincoln County CodeRed: message "lincolnmalerts" to 99411

New Closure Order Map: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lincoln/alerts-notice>



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