



Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Firefighters are Working Day and Night Shifts to Suppress the Blue 2 Fire Daily Update: May 27, 2024

Fire Information Phone Number: (575) 386-5077; open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Media Phone Number: 575-386-5108; open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Acres: 6,863

Start Date: May 16, 2024

Location: White Mountain Wilderness approximately 8 miles North of Ruidoso

Personnel: 532

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 0%

Fuels: Timber (litter and understory)

Resources: 11 crews | 23 engines | 4 helicopters | 2 bulldozers

Highlights: Firefighters are working during day and night shifts to suppress the fire. Firefighters are continuing to build fireline using hand tools and bulldozers. Air resources are dropping water and fire retardant to slow the progress of the fire and re-enforce firelines. During nighttime operations, firefighters are conducting burnout operations to consume the fuel between the fireline and the edge of the fire. This tactic helps to strengthen the fireline and reduce movement of the fire. Firefighters have been placing sprinklers and hoses around houses for structure protection.

Fire Activity: Although the fire continues to burn during the day and night due to high temperatures and dry conditions, it has had little movement.

Weather: Persistent winds with a warming and dry trend over the next few days.

Closures: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lincoln/alerts-notice>

Evacuations: For the latest information: https://www.lincolncountynm.gov/news_detail_T2_R25.php

For Ready, Set, Go Status definitions, please visit: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/ready-set-go-new-mexico/>

