



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Air Resources are Using Water and Retardant to Suppress the Blue 2 Fire Daily Update: May 28, 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: 7,178

Start Date: May 16, 2024

Location: White Mountain Wilderness approximately 8 miles North of Ruidoso

Personnel: 533

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 0%

Fuels: Timber (litter and understory)

Resources: 10 crews | 32 engines | 6 helicopters | 6 bulldozers | 5 Water Tenders

Highlights: Firefighters continue to use direct tactics to build fireline along the fire's edge using hand tools and bulldozers while ensuring safety for all crews. Air resources are dropping water and retardant along the firelines for reinforcement purposes and to cool down the most active parts of the fire. A feller buncher is being used in the Ski Run Road area to remove debris and allow crews to gain access for suppression efforts. Firefighters continue to place sprinklers and hoses around houses for structure protection.

Fire Activity: The fire is producing more smoke and continues to be active, even during the nighttime, because of hot temperatures and dry conditions.

Weather: Although there are less winds, it is very dry with little chance of rain and hot temperatures.

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/>

