



## Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER

### Firefighters Continue to Build Fireline for 100% Suppression Efforts Daily Update: May 29, 2024

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

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**Email address:** [2024.blue2@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.blue2@firenet.gov)

**Acres:** 7,402

**Start Date:** May 16, 2024

**Location:** White Mountain Wilderness approximately 8 miles North of Ruidoso

**Personnel:** 643

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 0%

**Fuels:** Timber (litter and understory)

**Resources:** 12 crews | 38 engines | 7 helicopters | 9 bulldozers | 10 Water Tenders

**Highlights:** Firefighters continue to use multiple tactics to fully suppress the fire. Hotshots have been igniting fuels by hand near Bonito Creek Campground on the northwest side of the fire to bring the fire safely down to the road. They are also setting up sprinklers near the intersection of Tanbark Canyon road and the 107 road. On Soldier Mountain, hotshots connected handline all the way around the spot that is north of the 107 road and will continue reinforcing this line. Crews are also removing fuels in preparation to build more fireline using bulldozers along the Forest Service boundary. Sprinklers and hoses set up in Villa Madonna are tested daily and supplied with water. Retardant was dropped on the southern side of the fire to allow crews to continue working along the fire's edge. On the southwest side of the fire, crews are improving the Crest Trail to use as a holding feature if needed. The public should expect to see smoke across the fire area.

**Fire Activity:** Smoke will be visible during the day because of active fire burning within the fire area.

**Weather:** Breezy winds continue with very dry 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](https://www.lincolncountynm.gov/news_detail_T2_R25.php)

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