



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER



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## Temperature and Wind Changes Throughout the Day Expected Over the Fire Area Daily Update: May 30, 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.

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

**Acres:** 7,455

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

**Personnel:** 699

**Containment:** 0%

**Resources:** 13 crews | 41 engines | 8 helicopters | 9 bulldozers | 11 Water Tenders

**Start Date:** May 16, 2024

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fuels:** Timber/Grass/Brush

**Highlights:** Yesterday firefighters used aerial ignitions to conduct burnout operations in the Runnels area to improve fireline. A hotshot crew and crew of firefighters who rappelled from a helicopter worked the southeastern side of the fire to build handline to prevent advancement of fire in this area. Aerial resources were used all day to cool down hotspots near the fire's edge and strengthen firelines created by ground crews.

Firefighters continue to reassess and improve structure protection efforts previously put in place. Crews are using existing features when possible, when creating handlines, such as trail systems, old roads, and rock formations. Hand tools, bulldozers, masticators, and aerial resources are being used to create control lines. Crews are extinguishing parts of the fireline that have been holding heat over the past few days and ensuring the area is cool to the human touch. Environmental challenges of working on this fire include inaccessibility to some areas of the fire's edge, steep terrain, hot temperatures, and changing wind directions during the day.

**Weather:** Stronger winds with dry and hot temperatures.

**Fire Restrictions:** <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lincoln/alerts-notice/?aid=87781>

**Smoke:** <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/430b2c05>

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

**Road Closures:** <https://nmroads.com/>

**Evacuations:** (575) 336-8600 or please visit: [https://www.lincolncountynm.gov/news\\_detail\\_T2\\_R25.php](https://www.lincolncountynm.gov/news_detail_T2_R25.php)

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