



# Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER



## Suppression repair nears completion Daily Update: June 7, 2024

**Acres:** 7,532

**Location:** 8 miles North of Ruidoso, White Mountain Wilderness Area

**Personnel:** 273

**Containment:** 87%

**Start Date:** May 16, 2024

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fuels:** Timber/Grass/Brush

**Resources:** 4 crews | 12 engines | 2 helicopters | 2 bulldozers | 1 water tender | 3 masticators

**Highlights:** Fire suppression repair is nearly complete across the fire area. Resource advisors inspect work as it is completed to ensure it meets the standards set by the Forest Service and New Mexico Forestry Division.

**Operations:** The dozer line north of the fire between the 108 road and 131 road has been repaired. The handline west of Enchanted Forest is also repaired. Repair started on the containment line north of Eagle Creek Summer Homes. The masticators continue to finish the contingency line along the Forest boundary, west of Loma Grande. Crews continue to backhaul the remaining equipment and patrol containment lines. The uncontained section of the fire, north of Buck Mountain, is patrolled by uncrewed aerial systems (drones) as well as monitored by firefighters on foot. As firefighters finish their work, they leave the incident to return home or head to other fires. Law enforcement continues to enforce the forest closure so firefighters can safely complete their work.

**Weather:** Temperatures have been climbing to well above normal, but an increased moisture pattern has set up in the region. More significant moisture will move into the fire area today and increase through the weekend. Storms may bring dry lightning, gusty and erratic winds, and even small hail.

**Smoke:** The fire is producing minimal smoke. Surrounding communities will see good air. Transported smoke or other particulate matter may create hazy skies on occasion. The interactive smoke map can still be found at [fire.airnow.gov/](https://fire.airnow.gov/)

**Closures:** In the interest of public safety, camping and other recreation activities in the Bonito Lake Area are still restricted due to ongoing firefighter activities. The Forest closure order will continue to remain in effect for the White Mountain Wilderness Area.

**Evacuations:** All evacuation statuses have been lifted. For an interactive evacuation map go to [tinyurl.com/Blue2Evacs](https://tinyurl.com/Blue2Evacs)

**Safety:** A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the area, which includes uncrewed aircraft systems or drones. Find the TFR at [tfr.faa.gov/tfr\\_map\\_ims/html/](https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr_map_ims/html/)

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