

Rio Grande National Forest

## **Forest Service News Release**

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## **Bighorn/Stateline Prescribed Burn Postponed**

**LAJARA, Colo., June 11, 2024** – The Conejos Peak Ranger District announced today that the planned Bighorn/Stateline prescribed burn has been postponed for approximately two weeks. The district is pleased to have received the beneficial moisture from the last storm. However, it was significantly more moisture than anticipated when we <u>announced the planned burn on June 6, 2024</u>.

"The project is targeting slash 'jackpots' and we were hoping for a little rain to moderate the projected burn intensity," said Acting District Ranger, Judi Perez. "Unfortunately, the fickle nature of weather in the mountains has dumped nearly four times the amount of rain needed, now making the fuels too wet to meet project objectives."

The Conejos Peak Ranger District will advise the public when conditions become more favorable and planning for the prescribed fire resumes.

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