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## **News Release**

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## Lolo Fire containment increases to 60%

**QUEMADO, NM,** July 13, 2024 – The Lolo Fire is at 438 acres with 60% containment. The primary fire activity is concentrated on the northwest side where crews have been constructing hand line and will continue to scout and assess additional roads for future control lines. The southern perimeter is under patrol and monitor status as that section of the fire has shown minimal fire activity.

There is about a 40% chance of storms expected in the afternoon with mostly clear skies in the morning. Scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms are anticipated Sunday afternoon. Fire resources will be ready to respond to any new starts.

A variety of tactics will be used to contain the fire. This may include using hand line to protect range infrastructure. Other tactics include hand ignitions and others as changing conditions require to protect values at risk and bring low- to moderate-intensity fire out to control features and establish containment. News releases will be provided every two days unless there are significant updates.

Lolo Fire information can be found on Inciweb at <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmgnf-lolo-fire</u>. Have you registered to receive emergency notifications from Catron County? If not, please take a moment to visit <u>CodeRed</u> to register for emergency alerts at <u>https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/B4CA52DAB2AA</u>.

Smoke may be visible from Quemado, Quemado Lake Estates, Mangas, and Pie Town, and is likely to settle into low lying areas overnight and early in the morning. New Mexico Department of Health air quality information and health protection measures are posted online at NM-Tracking - Fires, Smoke and Health. Real-time mapping of smoke and other air quality impacts is available at <a href="https://fire.airnow.gov">https://fire.airnow.gov</a>. For more information contact Maribeth Pecotte at 575-388-8211 or Maribeth.Pecotte@usda.gov.

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