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### Blue Front Fire Afternoon Update, October 29, 2024

**Start Date / Time:** October 28, 2024

**Cause:** Unknown

**Size:** 270 acres

**Location:** 4 miles west of Alto, located in the Blue 2 wildfire footprint in the White Mountain Wilderness.

**Resources:** Smokey Bear Hotshot Module and Sacramento Hotshot Module, Engine 612 (Type 6), Engine 311 (Type 3), Type 1 helicopter

**Types of vegetation in the area (aka fuels):** Grass, shrubs, dead/down fuels

**Containment:** 0%

**Strategy:** Full Suppression

**Road Closures:** None

**Smoke:** Light

**Update:** The Blue Front Fire was detected on the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest on October 28, 2024. The wildfire is located within the White Mountain Wilderness Area, in the footprint of the 2024 Blue 2 Fire.

Smokey Bear Hotshots, along with local firefighting agencies, responded on-scene yesterday, with resources remaining overnight. Today, crews remain on scene, and helicopter is utilizing bucket drops when possible, however, windy conditions are affecting flight capabilities.

Sustained winds of 25 mph, and gusts of up to 50 mph are expected to continue throughout the day. On the upper west shoulder of the fire, containment lines are holding, and on the east side of the fire, there is a higher concentration of smoke.

Because of the warm weather and high winds, fire activity and growth is expected today, however, no values or resources are threatened at this time.

**Weather:** Today, unseasonably warm temperatures and high wind speeds will be a factor in fire growth. No precipitation is expected.

**Evacuations:** None at this time. Homes in the Bonito Lake area are in a 'ready' status from the Lincoln County Emergency Management. 'Ready' status means that residents should be prepared to evacuate. Please pay close attention to emergency announcements. You can sign up for emergency text notifications from Lincoln County at <https://www.onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-coded-emergency-alerts/>.

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NM Fire Info: [www.NMFireInfo.com](http://www.NMFireInfo.com)

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmlnf-blue-front-fire>

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