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Blue Front Fire Morning Update, October 31, 2024

Start Date: October 28, 2024

Cause: Unknown

Size: 323 acres

Location: 4 miles west of Alto, 9 miles northwest of Ruidoso, located in the Blue 2 wildfire footprint in the White Mountain Wilderness.

Resources: Smokey Bear IHC SMOD, Sacramento IHC SMOD, 1 Type Hand Crew, 2 helicopters, 3 engines

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

Containment: 0%

Strategy: Full Suppression with indirect tactics

Road Closures: None

Smoke: Light

Update: Overnight, the Blue Front Fire had minimal growth, it does remain active within grassy areas with dead/down fuels. There are multiple pockets of heat along the southern border.

Today's plan is for all crews to go to South Fork and open an egress of 3.8 miles. They will be removing significant dead/down timber in order to gain access to the fire. Steep, unsafe terrain has remained a significant challenge for crews on the ground.

Today's aviation support includes two helicopters. Water drops will be on the South side of the fire. Helicopters will provide an opportunity for operations staff to view the fire behavior and plan accordingly.

Weather: Very dry conditions are continuing with seasonal temperatures. Higher humidity is expected to start on Friday. There is a chance of precipitation in the forecast.

Evacuations: None currently. The Bonito corridor remains in "Ready" status.

More Information:

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