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### Blue Front Fire Morning Update, November 1, 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 Hotshot module, 2 Type 1 Hand Crews, 2 helicopters, 3 engines

**Personnel:** 79

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

**Containment:** 0%

**Strategy:** Full Suppression with direct and indirect tactics **Road Closures:** None

**Smoke:** Light

**Update:** With the winds moderating, no new growth was detected. Fire activity is comprised of scattered heat and is most intense where the fire perimeter intersects the South Fork Trail in the drainage bottom.

Yesterday resources cleared 3.8 miles of the South Fork Trail to be used as an egress to the fire's edge. The fire perimeter was checked for hot spots and "cold trailed" a method where firefighters feel for heat. Helicopters were utilized by ground resources to extinguish heat in the interior and along the perimeter. According to the IC, "It was a very productive day."

Today's plan is to secure the southern edge of the fire perimeter utilizing natural features and existing trail systems with the intent to prevent any further growth on either side of the South Fork Trail.

**Weather:** Very dry conditions continue with seasonal temperatures. Higher humidity is expected to start on Friday.

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

#### More Information:

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