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Forest Service News Release

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Blue Front Fire Update, November 3, 2024

Start Date: October 28, 2024

Cause: Unknown

Size: 323 acres

Containment: 52%

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

Resources: (3) type 6 engines from the USFS and BLM and 1 helicopter

Personnel: 25

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

Strategy: Full Suppression with direct and indirect tactics

Road Closures: None

Smoke: Light smoke may be visible from the surrounding areas

Update: There has been no new growth of the Blue Front Fire in the last three days. Firefighters are working to make sure the perimeter of the South Fork area is secure. Crews will be extinguishing any interior heat spots that might still exist.

Firefighters are utilizing the South Fork Trail to further accomplish their suppression efforts. When the work is complete and public access is deemed safe, a public announcement will be released to advise that the South Fork Trail is officially open. The Crest Trail is being used to access the fire area from the North and is currently open.

There are currently no closures in place, please use caution traveling in the fire area there are still firefighters and equipment in the Blue Front fire area.

Weather: Cooler temperatures have been observed with the approaching front. There is a chance of precipitation in the form of rain and snow beginning Sunday night.

Evacuations: Bonito Corridor remains in "Ready" status

More Information:

Blue Front Fire Information: 575-323-8990

Blue Front Fire E-mail: 2024.BlueFront@Firenet.gov

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61568076357114>

NM Fire Info: <https://nmfireinfo.com/>

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

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