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Blue Front Fire Update, November 8, 2024

Start Date: October 28, 2024

Cause: Unknown

Size: 323 acres

Containment: 90%

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

Resources: 7 personnel including members of the Type 6 USFS engine

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: No smoke visible from the Blue Front Fire

This is the FINAL UPDATE for the Blue Front Fire unless significant fire activity occurs.

Update: An engine will remain assigned to the fire and will assess the conditions on the ground.. Yesterday's forecasted weather did materialize and the entire fire area received rain and snow. The fire remains at 90% containment. Heavy fuels that remain in the fire area and are capable of retaining heat even under snow.

The uncrewed aircraft (drone) has been cancelled due to the change in weather conditions. If needed, the uncrewed aircraft reconnaissance missions will resume under more favorable conditions to identify heat sources and any changes in perimeter growth.

Weather: The arrival of winter weather including rain and snow significantly affected the Blue Front Fire resulting in minimal to no fire behavior. The fire area received snowfall ranging from 6 to 9 inches.

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