



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 3 – MATT RAU – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Transition at 6 a.m. to the Complex Incident Management Team 3, Matt Rau, Incident Commander

Daily Update: May 26, 2024

Fire Information Phone Number: (575) 386-5077; open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Media Phone Number: 575-386-9105; open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Acres: 6,213

Start Date: May 16, 2024

Location: White Mountain Wilderness approximately 8 miles North of Ruidoso

Personnel: 475

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 0%

Fuels: Timber (litter and understory)

Resources: 170 crews | 42 engines | 5 helicopters | 2 bulldozers

Highlights: Additional firefighters have arrived, and more resources are enroute. Firefighters are working along the most active parts of the fire where they can safely engage and are working both during the day and night. Air resources will be used for water and retardant drops on the fire as weather conditions allow.

Fire Activity: The fire has been most active on the northeast and southern perimeters. An acre spot fire was detected in the Dry Mills Canyon and a 100-acre spot fire was detected on Solider mountain.

Weather: Historic wind events are occurring with dry conditions and high temperatures.

Evacuations: For the latest information: https://www.lincolncountynm.gov/news_detail_T2_R25.php

For Ready, Set, Go Status definitions, please visit: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/fire-prevention-programs/ready-set-go-new-mexico/>

