

Fire Information

EMNRD-FORESTRY DIVISION



Incident Name: East Well Fire

Start Date & Time: August 20, 2020 - 2324 hrs

Start Location: near Claunch, NM, Socorro County,
20 miles south of Mountainair, NM

Latitude: 34° 14' 2.47" N **Longitude:** 106° 15' 9.37"

Cause of Fire: Lightning

Area Vegetation: Pinon, juniper, grass

Estimated Acres Burned: 634

Ownership(s): State

Structures Threatened: NO

Structures Burned: NO

Evacuations: NO

The East Well Fire located on state land near Claunch, NM in Socorro County is now 40% contained and estimated at 634 acres with new GPS mapping. No structures are threatened. The fire is smoldering and creeping with occasional tree torching within the interior. Firefighters continue to mop-up hot spots and secure containment lines. Smoke may continue to be seen during the day from the surrounding communities and potentially impact low lying areas overnight and in the morning. Individuals who are sensitive to wildfire smoke should take precautions and use the New Mexico Department of Health 5-3-1 Visibility Method to determine if it's safe to be outside. Learn more at <https://nmtracking.org/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html>. Fire updates will also be posted to nmfireinfo.com.