

Fire Information

EMNRD-FORESTRY DIVISION



Incident Name: Luna Fire

Start Date & Time: October 17, 2020

Start Location: Chacon, NM

Latitude: 36, 15' 51" N

Longitude: -105, 20' 22 ' W

Cause of Fire: Under investigation

Area Vegetation: Mixed spruce, ponderosa pine

Estimated Acres Burned: 8,898

Ownership(s): Federal and private

Structures Threatened: Yes

Structures Burned: NO

Evacuations: Voluntary only at this time

The Luna Fire located north of Chacon on the Camino Real Ranger District, Carson National Forest is currently estimated at 8,898 acres based on more accurate infrared mapping. Forecasted winds on Thursday (10/22) were not as strong as predicted and mainly affected the northern edge of the fire in the Rincon Mountains. Fire activity is expected to increase in the Bull and Frijoles Canyons as winds return today. Firefighters will continue to build containment lines, mop-up hotspots, and work on structure protection in Luna, Lujan, and Bull Canyons. A voluntary evacuation notice remains in effect for Luna Canyon. Approximately 274 personnel are assigned to the Luna Fire supported by bulldozers, helicopters, and air tankers. Stage 1 fire restrictions went into effect on the Carson National Forest at 8:00 a.m. this morning to reduce the risk of human-caused fires.

Smoke will continue to be seen and impact the surrounding area. 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>. An interactive smoke map

is also available at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Constituents may contact Carson National Forest Public Affairs Officer MaryAnna Clemons at MaryAnna.Clemons@usda.gov or Debbie Cress at debbie.cress@usda.gov for information. Details will also be posted to the New Mexico Fire Information website at <https://nmfireinfo.com/>.

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