



## Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team

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## Las Tusas Fire Update – May 11, 2023

**LAS VEGAS, NM** – May 11, 2023 – The Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team assumed command of the Las Tusas Fire as of 6:00 am this morning May 11, 2023. The Las Tusas Fire started on Wednesday May 10, 2023, and fire managers have implemented a full suppression strategy. The fire is located on private land west of Sapello, NM in San Miguel County, north of Las Vegas, NM. Firefighters have confirmed that structures were lost to the Las Tusas Fire. Emergency responders are currently in that area assessing the damage.

**Start date:** May 11, 2023

**Location:** West of Sapello, NM approximately 46 miles north of Las Vegas, NM

**Cause:** Unknown, under investigation

**Size:** The fire is rapidly growing in size, as of last night fire was 1,000 acres.    **Percent Contained:** 0%

**Resources:** 2 Hotshot crews, 1 Type 2 IA Handcrew, 4 dozers, 6 engines, multiple volunteer engines, 1 Type 3 Helicopter. Additional resources such as an air attack, hotshot crews, engines and infrared mapping aircraft have been ordered by the team to bolster the firefighting effort.

**Evacuations:** Evacuations are in place for Highway 94 residents from Canoncito to the intersection of Highway 266 and 94. The following are places that evacuees can go to.

– Abe Montoya Recreation Center, 1751 N Grand Ave, Las Vegas, NM 87701.

– Storrie Lake State Park, 3 Esequiel C De Baca LN, Las Vegas, NM 87701

**Closures:** NM 94 and NM 266 have been closed to incoming traffic.

**Smoke:** Individuals 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 at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

**Safety:** The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority. Information on air quality and protecting your health can be found online at the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) website. The Forest Stewards Guild offers a HEPA Filter Loan Program that are available on a first come/first served basis. Additional information on air filters and the HEPA loan program is posted at <http://www.santafefireshed.org/hepa-filter-loan-program#smokeanchor3>.

Fire updates will be posted on the New Mexico Fire Information website, as well as the NM State Forestry Division Twitter.

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