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10K Fire on the Sandia Ranger District
9pm Update – June 12

Reported start date / time: June 12, 2023 / 1:40 p.m.

Cause: Unknown at this time

Size: 3.5 Acres

Location: West of 10K Trail, North of NM Hwy 536 and East of Ellis Trailhead

Containment: 0% however all forward progress has been stopped at this time

Fuels: Mixed Conifer

Fire behavior: Fire behavior has subsided as is low at this time

Closures: Travel is strongly discouraged on NM 536 (Sandia Crest Highway)

Weather: Overnight temperatures are expected to drop into the 40s tonight. https://www.weather.gov/

Resources on scene: 2 Helicopters, Cibola National Forest Personnel, Payette NF Severity Engine, Bernalillo County, La Madera VFD, Edgewood FD, Albuquerque Fire and Rescue and Bernalillo Sheriff's Department

Values at risk: Communication towers on the Sandia Crest as well as numerous Forest Service Infrastructure.
At this time, the fire is not a threat to any communities, and ***there are no evacuations in effect***.

Strategy: The strategy for the 10K Fire is full suppression.

Safety: The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority. Members of the public should stay away from 10K Fire operations. The Crest Highway, Hwy 536, may be impacted by fire traffic. Area trailheads could also be impacted.

Drones pose a serious risk to firefighting and can cause air operations to cease.
The public is reminded that **"If you fly, we can't!"**

Smoke may continue to be visible in the surrounding areas of Tijeras, Edgewood, Moriarty and Albuquerque / within a 50 mile radius of the 10K Fire. Smoke-sensitive individuals are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Information on air quality and protecting your health can be found at the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) website nmtracking.org

All fire updates will be posted on the Cibola NF & NGs website, New Mexico Fire Information website, and the Cibola NF & NGs Facebook & Twitter pages.

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