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News Release

Final Update: Colorado 2 Fire Mt Taylor Ranger District

Albuquerque, NM, October 11, 2020 - Management of the Colorado 2 Fire will transition to the Mt. Taylor Ranger District at 8 am., Monday. This will be the final news update unless there are significant changes in fire activity. The fire remains at 257 acres and is 75% contained.

Firefighters continue to patrol, monitor and mop up hotspots along the perimeter of the Colorado 2 Fire. Fire operations will continue with engines, hand crews and water tenders.

The Colorado 2 Fire Closure Order (03-0701) shall remain in effect until further notice and the signed closure order and closure area map can be viewed and downloaded at [Cibola NF & NGs website](#). Any changes or lifting of the closure order will be posted on Cibola National Forest and Grasslands website and official Facebook page.

Continental Divide Trail will be continued to be rerouted to NFSR 451B, 451 and 239.

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!”**

The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority. Firefighters are conducting operations under protocols to mitigate the risk of COVID-19.

Residents and visitors to the area may see occasional smoke over the next several days as interior pockets of vegetation continue to burn within the fire perimeter. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. 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 at <https://nmtracking.org/fire>.

Following the fire, a resource advisory group will be conducting assessments to identify impacts from the fire and recommend actions for mitigation and management of the burned area in the Colorado Canyon.

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