



## Pecos Zone Type III Interagency Incident Management Team

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### Fire FACT SHEET

For Immediate Release:  
Friday June 8, 2012

Fire Information – 575-361-3404 and 575-937-0883  
PIOs Joel Arnwine and Dusty Romero

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Detected: June 4, 2012  
Containment: 0 percent  
Fuel Type: Mix Conifer

Cause: Lightning  
Location: White Mountain Wilderness above Bonito Lake  
Terrain: Steep and Rugged

The Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest is currently managing the Little Bear Fire. The Pecos Zone Type III Incident Management Team (Northcott IC) will take over management of the Little Bear Fire Saturday June 9, 2012 at 6:00 a.m. Additional resources have been ordered and will be assigned to the fire as they arrive. The Little Bear Incident Command Post is currently set up at the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office.

**Current Size:** Estimated at 1,000 - 2,000 acres – The fire was mapped today by GPS and a more accurate estimate of size will be provided in tomorrow's update.

**Summary:** The fire is actively burning in steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain in the White Mountain Wilderness of the Lincoln National Forest. The fire has been actively suppressed since it was detected on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the difficult steep and rugged terrain it has been difficult to access the fire.

Fire personnel are using both direct and indirect suppression tactics to contain the fire and keep it from moving further north and east. Extreme fire activity has been observed on the entire fire perimeter as of late this evening.

#### **Fire Behavior:**

**Resources:** Resources from the Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), New Mexico State Forestry, Lincoln County Volunteer Fire Departments and Ruidoso Downs Fire and area volunteer departments responded. Currently ordered 9-T1 hand crews, 36-Engines, 3 Helicopters, 7-water tenders, heavy air tankers are expected to be available through out the day tomorrow. Approximately 350 personnel are expected to be on the fire tomorrow.

**Structures Threatened:** N/A

**Closures:** The following roads have been closed due to extreme fire activity:

-State Highway 532 Ski Run Road at Mile Marker 3

**Evacuations:** All campgrounds West of Bonito Lake, Villa Madonna Subdivision, Eagle Lakes Campground, Eagle Creek Summer Homes, and Ski Apache. A shelter for evacuees will be set up at the Nazarene Church on Highway 48.

Smoke from the fire is impacting the community of Ruidoso and surrounding areas so please take precautions if you have any health or breathing issues.

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