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## Little Bear Fire June 22, 2012 – 9 a.m.

### Containment Increases to 75%

**Start Time/Date:** Monday, June 4, 2012  
**Location:** Smokey Bear Ranger District, Lincoln NF, including White Mountain Wilderness  
**Cause:** Lightning  
**Fuels:** Mixed conifer, ponderosa pine  
**Size:** approx. 43,232 acres  
**Containment:** 75 %  
**Resources Committed:** Personnel: 844; crews: 7 Type 1, 10 Type 2; engines: 50; helicopters: 3 Type 1 2 Type 2, 2 Type 3; dozers: 5; water tenders: 12  
**Today's weather:** 70-85 degrees, relative humidity 25-35%, wind SSE 8-12 mph gusts 22 to 30 mph  
**Total Injuries to Date:** 5  
**Structures destroyed:** 254 (242 residential & commercial structures and 12 outbuildings)  
**Road Closures:** NM 532 (Ski Run Road) west from the softball complex near NM 48 junction, and Forest Road 107 are *open to residents only*  
**Area Closures:** **Portions of the Smokey Bear Ranger District are now open.** The southern portion of the Smokey Bear Ranger District closed during the fire is now open. The area south of the Ski Run Road and on both sides of Highway 70 from Ruidoso to the forest boundary near Glencoe is now open for use. This includes areas known as Cedar Creek, Gavilan Ridge, Little Creek, Eagle Creek, Devil's Canyon and Hale Lake.  
Area closures include:  
All access to the Bonito Recreation Corridor off of FS Road 107 and 108 which includes established and dispersed campgrounds, hiking trails and trail heads.  
All access off of Hwy 532 (Ski Run Road) which includes Monjeau Lookout Road, Spring Canyon Trailhead, Eagle Creek FS Road 127A, Oakgrove Campground, and Buck Mountain.  
Three Rivers Campground and Trail 44 off of Hwy 54.

*For additional details about closures, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District at 575-257-4095.*

**Summary:** Hold and improve continue to be the watchwords for today. Very little fire movement was seen because of increased humidity. The burn out is complete around the Rio Bonito subdivision and Runnel's Stables. Significant progress was made regarding mop up and rehabilitation throughout the entire fire. The public will continue to see smokes and flames within the interior of the fire. This activity will diminish over time. Release of excess resources continues thereby making these resources available for other assignments. Joe Reinarz's Type 1 Incident Management team will transition with the Jay Northcott Pecos Zone Type 3 Incident Management team today. This will be the last update published by Joe Reinarz's Type 1 Team. Future updates will be provided by the Jay Northcott Pecos Zone Type 3 team.

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*The Rio Bonito subdivision remains evacuated until further notice. Angus, Bonita Park, Ski Run Road, and Bonita Lake are open to residents only.* All other subdivisions are open. Residents returning to their homes should be alert for fire vehicle traffic and damaged roads.

*The Village of Ruidoso wants everyone to know that, despite the fire activity, it is open for business. See the following websites:* <http://www.discoverruidoso.com/>, <http://www.ruidoso.net/>, and <http://www.ruidosonow.com/>

**Evacuations:** All campgrounds west of Bonito Lake

**Shelters: Pets and livestock** may be taken to Pet Paradise in La Luz (575-434-1784), Otero County fairgrounds in Alamogordo (575-434-0788, 575-491-7553, or 575-491-4643), Lincoln County fairgrounds in Capitan (575-808-2814), Humane Society of Lincoln County in Ruidoso (575-257-9841 or 575-378-1039), Ruidoso Animal Clinic (575-257-4027), Dunagan Farms in Ruidoso (575-257-9549 or 575-621-4056), New Mexico Livestock Board (575-649-2758), Carrizozo Animal Shelter (575-648-2351), Thundering Paws in Alto (575-336-7297), and Yolanda and Robert Espinoza (575-354-9019).

Many residents of the community have expressed interest in making monetary donations to the firefighting organizations. Local fire departments should be considered first. Additionally, the following websites provide avenues for making donations: [www.wffoundation.org](http://www.wffoundation.org), and [www.redcrossnewmexico.org](http://www.redcrossnewmexico.org).

Information on wildland fire smoke and your health can be found on the New Mexico Department of Health's website at: [https://nmtracking.unm.edu/eh\\_alerts/](https://nmtracking.unm.edu/eh_alerts/), or call the New Mexico statewide health line at (877)304-4161. Additional websites for accurate fire information are [Facebook.com/LittleBearFireNM](https://www.facebook.com/LittleBearFireNM), [Twitter.com/T1SWIMT](https://twitter.com/T1SWIMT), [Flickr.com.photos.lincolnnationalforest](https://www.flickr.com/photos/lincolnnationalforest) (maps), and [Flickr.com/photos/wildland-fires-2012/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/wildland-fires-2012/) (photos).

As the monsoons approach, heavy rainfall may produce flash floods. The National Weather Service Advisories are available at: <http://www.weather.gov/abq>.

A predictive model for probability of thunderstorms over burned areas, known as Burn Scar Thunderstorm Threat Matrix, is available at: [http://www.srh.noaa.gov/images/fxc/abq/graphicast/image\\_full5.gif](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/images/fxc/abq/graphicast/image_full5.gif). Register for Lincoln County CodeRED Emergency Alerts at <http://www.lincolncountynm.net/>.

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