



Ute Park Fire

Ways You Can Help

Information as of June 2, 2018. If needs change, updates will be posted on <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5820/>.

We greatly appreciate the support and generosity of the community! The Incident Management Team's focus is on the mission of fire suppression while keeping firefighter and public safety our number one priority. Our wildland fire crews are well equipped and cared for. After many donation inquiries, here's a list of suggestions.

Here are some ways you can show support for firefighters.

- **Help keep firefighters safe by creating defensible space around your home.** *Creating defensible space around your home is absolutely the BEST thing you can do to help firefighters.* Learn how at <http://firewise.org>.
- **Post thank you banners / signs in the community and on social media.** *This is a great morale booster for firefighters after a long shift!*
- **Write thank you notes to firefighters.** Drop them off at the incident command post so they can be posted or shared.
- **Write thank you letters to firefighters families.** Put them in blank, stamped envelopes. After briefings or after shifts, firefighters can address letters to parents, kids, spouses, etc.

Items We Cannot Accept at Fire Camp:

- Clothing
 - We have federal standards for personal protective gear for our wildland firefighters.
- Food Items including baked goods and sweets
 - We are required to follow food safety regulations, and we have strict national guidelines for firefighter nutrition. Rest assured, we feed our fire crews three meals a day, including snacks.

Please confirm needs by contacting the organization of your choice before donating physical items (food, water, etc.). Financial contributions to a recognized organization are the most effective way of helping them obtain goods and services locally and provide direct financial assistance to those in need.

Points of collection for donated items as of June 2, 2018:

- **Eagle Nest Senior Center**, 74 N. Tomboy Dr. Eagle Nest, NM. Please call 575-377-1344 to confirm needs before collecting items or dropping off goods.
- **Colfax County Rapid Response, District 8**, 217 N. 3rd St, Raton, NM. Please call 719-232-5555 to confirm needs before collecting items or dropping off goods.

Consider a financial contribution to a voluntary organization of your choice. You might consider a donation to:

- Your Local Fire Department
- The Wildland Firefighter Foundation or other firefighter support organization
- The American Red Cross or other community relief organization
- The Humane Society or other animal support organization
- Other organizations of your choice

Thank you for your kind consideration!