



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #3

Alan Sinclair-Incident Commander

Weather slows fire growth; protection work continues

Friday May 13, 2016

Fire: Coyote Fire
Acres: 10,000
Cause: Lightning
Containment: 30%

Total Personnel: 375
Start Date: May 7, 2016
Location: 46 miles SW of Carlsbad, NM
Fuels/Topography: Grass/brush/chaparral, rugged terrain

Yesterday: Cooler temperatures and higher humidities limited natural fire spread to 200 new acres. Firefighters conducted a quarter-mile long burnout operation near the head of Dog Canyon to strengthen a fire perimeter line protecting private lands near the New Mexico state line. Crews continued to assess protection needs for cabins, trails, and other infrastructure within the park.

Today: Firefighters will complete fire-resistant wrapping of the Pinetop and Bowl Cabins ahead future fire growth to the south and east. Fire managers anticipate limited new fire growth due to continued moisture over the fire area. Pending favorable conditions, crews may conduct a small, two mile burnout operation to remove burnable material near a communication tower and weather station within the Park.

“We are strategically engaging the Coyote Fire where it is safe to do so,” said Incident Commander, Alan Sinclair. “With slower fire spread, we can safely protect park resources and firefighters as we plan for future fire growth over the next several days.”

Smoke: Smoke will be disperse to the north with little to no impacts. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit: <https://nmtracking.org/fire>

Closures: Dog Canyon, Devil's Hall Trail, and all back country areas of the Park are CLOSED due to fire activity. Closures will be in place until further notice. Park areas remaining open are Guadalupe Peak Trail, El Capitan, and Smith Springs Trail.

Fire Information:

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4719

Text Message: text “follow GuadalupeMtnsNP” to 40404

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Coyote Fire Information: (575) 616-7901

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