



## Forest Service News Release

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### **New Fire Start on Sandia Ranger District**

#### ***Osha Canyon Fire – North Sandia Mountain Wilderness***

**(Albuquerque, NM – June 19, 2026)** – Fire resources are actively responding to suppress the Osha Canyon Fire within the northern Sandia Mountain Wilderness on the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands.

Aerial resources responding to include a type 1 helicopter and large air tanker. Ground crews to conduct direct extinguishment strategies following air operations.

**Reported start date / Time:** June 19, 2026 / 1322

**Cause:** Undetermined.

**Size:** Estimate 1/2 acre.

**Containment:** 0%

**Location:** Northern Sandia Mountain Wilderness south of Placitas, west of FSR 165 within the Sandia Ranger District on the Cibola National Forest, New Mexico.

**Smoke** may be visible in the surrounding areas of Placitas and Bernalillo.

**Responding Resources:** US Forest Service Engines 652, prevention 4 and multiple air resources to include a type 1 helicopter and large air tanker. Additional resources have been ordered.

**Strategy:** Resources will utilize Direct Extinguishment Strategy to engage the fire and air support.

**Safety:** The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority. Members of the public should avoid the Osha Canyon Fire area. 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!”***

**Values at risk:** The Osha Canyon Fire is not a threat to any values at risk or communities at this time.

**Fuels:** Mixed Conifer.

**Fire behavior:** Active fire behavior with protentional growth with westerly winds.

**Weather:** Today for Albuquerque, NM (June 19, 2026): Sunny, with a high near 95. West wind around 10 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 95. West wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. <https://www.weather.gov/>

***Additional updates will be sent as new information is received.***

Any information on the Osha Canyon Fire will also be posted on the [Cibola NF & NGs website](#), [New Mexico Fire Information website](#), and the Cibola NF & NGs [Facebook](#) & [X](#) pages.

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