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## 10K Fire on the Sandia Ranger District Final p.m. Update – June 13<sup>th</sup>

Reported start date / time: June 12, 2023 / 1:30 p.m.

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 5 Acres – Size increase attributed to incorporating 15 to 20 spot fires into the main fire footprint.

Location: West of 10K Trail, North of NM Hwy 536 and East of Ellis Trailhead

Containment: 70%

Fuels: Mixed Conifer

Fire behavior: Minimal

**Closures:** All area traffic will be allowed after today's shift. There will continue to be fire traffic in the area so please drive carefully. Fire vehicles will be parking in the 10K parking lot so please use area on South side of highway for parking.

**Tonight's Weather:** Temperature Lows in the mid 40's Wind 15-20 decreasing below 10mph after midnight https://www.weather.gov/

**Resources on scene:** Sandia Ranger District Personnel, Mt. Taylor Hotshots and the Payette NF. 2 Helicopters remain available to respond upon request.

**Strategy:** The strategy for the 10K Fire is full suppression. Along with felling hazard trees within the fire area, firefighters also worked today to secure all fire lines and spot fires as well as mop-up within the fire area.

**Smoke** may continue to popup occasionally within the fire perimeter. Fire personnel will continue mop-up and extinguishing all hotspots.

**Safety:** The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority.

Drones pose a serious risk to firefighting and can cause air operations to cease. The public is always reminded that "If you fly, we can't!"

This will be the final update on the 10K fire unless the fire situation warrants additional correspondence.

All fire updates will be posted on the <u>Cibola NF & NGs website</u>, <u>New Mexico Fire Information website</u>, and the Cibola NF & NGs <u>Facebook</u> & <u>Twitter</u> pages.

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