



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands

Forest Service News Release

Media Contact: Patricia Johnson

SM.FS.CibolaPAO@usda.gov

O: 505-346-3894

www.fs.usda.gov/ro3/cibola

Osha Canyon Fire - June 21 Update ***North Sandia Mountain Wilderness – Sandia Ranger District***

(Albuquerque, NM – June 21, 2026) — Firefighters continue with direct extinguishment strategy on the Osha Canyon Fire within the northern Sandia Mountain Wilderness on the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands.

Operations: Yesterday fire crews focused on securing containment lines and mopping up along the fire perimeter. With 100% containment recorded yesterday afternoon, some resources were released from the Osha Canyon fire to assist with other wildfires burning in the state. Today, Mt Taylor Ranger District Crew 3-2 is on scene at the Osha Canyon Fire to patrol containment lines and work on mopping up interior hot spots. Aviation resources will continue to support fire operations.

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

Cause: Lightning strike.

Size: Estimate 1 acre.

Containment: 100%

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

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

Resources on Scene: US Forest Service Mt Taylor Ranger District crew 3-2.

Fuels: Mixed Conifer.

Fire Activity is minimal.

Weather: Today for Albuquerque, NM (June 21, 2026): Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Light and variable wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east after midnight. <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.

About the Forest Service: The Forest Service has, for more than 100 years, brought people and communities together to answer the call of conservation. Grounded in world-class science and technology — and rooted in communities — the Forest Service connects people to nature and to each other. The Forest Service cares for shared natural resources in ways that promote lasting economic, ecological, and social vitality. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest wildland fire and forestry research organizations in the world. The Forest Service also has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 900 million forested acres within the U.S., of which over 130 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.