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Emily Fire Update – July 12, 2018

Start: 6/28/2018

Location: North of Las Vegas, NM about 25 miles on Turkey Mountains

Cause: Lightning

Size: 8432 acres

Fuels: Mixed conifer, pinon-juniper, brush, and grass

Observed Fire Behavior: Minimal, creeping, smoldering

Assigned Resources: 4 crews, 2 engines, 1 water tender and misc. overhead personnel, total personnel 114

Containment: 75% - estimated containment date July 12, 2018

Fire Suppression Strategy: Full Suppression

Evacuations: None

Remarks:

Crews continued good progress yesterday towards meeting full suppression and containment goals for the Emily Fire. Weather conditions did prevent fire personnel from utilizing helicopter aerial ignition for some small, isolated areas of timber and brush that were missed the day before near the north containment line. Light rain extinguished most hot spots remaining in those areas. Crews patrolled, monitored and secured the fire perimeter throughout the day with the help of the increased humidity and rain. They started fire suppression repair by hand seeding the disturbed soil resulting from the dozer and fire operations. There is no intent to do any additional firing by ground crews or helicopter.

Today's efforts will involve monitoring the fire edge and mopping up any hot spots deemed a threat to the containment lines. Some additional work may occur to ensure that the north side containment line is secure.

Fire suppression repair work will continue on areas damaged by suppression activities.

Some smoke may be visible from Interstate 25 and surrounding communities, but at a diminished level. It should lessen as interior fuels burnout. Information about air quality and smoke can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2IN01Sa> or <https://nmtracking.org/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html>.

Fire restrictions are still in place throughout the area. **FireRestrictions.us** website can be referenced for most restrictions in the State.

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