



Gila Las Cruces Type 3 Incident Management Team

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For Immediate Release:
Notification for Public Health and Safety

April 28, 2026
Lighter winds allow aircraft to support Firefighters

Acres: 3,264
Location: 15 Miles East of Glenwood, NM
Containment: 0 %

Start Date: 4/20/2026
Personnel: 204
Cause: Lightning

Summary: Overnight firefighters conducted defensive firing operations along the western perimeter in the Gila Wilderness to establish containment lines and keep the fire away from Willow Creek Subdivision. Fire crews worked through the night protecting critical values by putting in hose lays securing spot fires and patrolling the values in Willow Creek. Winds that grounded aircraft on Sunday subsided yesterday, allowing aircraft to support firefighters on the ground with retardant and water drops. The Hummingbird Fire actively moved to the northeast where crews worked to slow its spread, by using handline from previous fires and forest trail systems.

Today, firefighters will identify and initiate firing operations along the western perimeter to continue to protect the Willow Creek Subdivision. Crews working on the northeast holding features plan to secure and strengthen containment lines. Additional resources have arrived to support overnight structure protection in Willow Creek Subdivision.

Evacuations: Level 3 “GO” Willow Creek Subdivision.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587055259089>

Closures: A Fire Closure has been issued for the Hummingbird Fire

For more information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r03/gila/alerts/forest-closure-hummingbird-fire>

Weather: Another day of dry conditions with relative humidities ranging from 7-11 %. Winds will be breezy out of the southwest at 10-15 MPH with gusts of 25 MPH.

Safety: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is over the Hummingbird Fire. Reminder a TFR is a No Drone Zone and If You Fly We Can't.

Smoke: Smoke can be seen from multiple locations across to include Willow Creek Subdivision, Gila Cliff Dwellings, Gila Cliff-Valley, Truth or Consequences and Silver City.

For real-time smoke conditions, visit: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>.

Fire Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Effect.

For more information visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gila/alerts-notice>.

For more information: <https://nmfireinfo.com/>

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Incident Information: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmgf-hummingbird-fire>

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