



Gila Las Cruces Type 3 Incident Management Team

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For Immediate Release:

Notification for Public Health and Safety

Saturday May 02, 2026

Afternoon thunderstorms move over Hummingbird Fire

Acres: 5,650

Location: 15 Miles East of Glenwood, NM

Containment: 12%

Start Date: 4/20/2026

Personnel: 241

Cause: Lightning

Summary: Cooler temperatures and higher humidities moderated fire behavior yesterday. Isolated thunderstorms moved over the fire area; however, no measurable amounts of precipitation fell over the fire throughout the day. The Hummingbird Fire had additional growth on Iron Creek Mesa in the Gila Wilderness burning through the 2024 Ridge Fire scar. Containment increased yesterday as firefighters secured the remaining heat near Willow Creek Subdivision. Prep work on the Bearwallow Road began yesterday, creating an indirect contingency line should future fire conditions warrant, to protect Willow Creek, Indian Creek Cabins and grazing allotments.

Today, firefighters will continue to secure the fire's edge where safe to do so and prep work, which includes removing small diameter trees and brush, will progress on the Bearwallow and Bursum Roads. Firefighters remain focused on using a combination of direct and indirect fire suppression strategies while protecting critical values and minimizing risk to responders. Aircraft remains available to support firefighters on the ground for fire suppression or aerial reconnaissance as needed.

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/hummingbird-fire-forest-closure-and-updates>

Weather: Today's weather is forecasted to be slightly cooler with 50% chance of afternoon thunderstorms, temperatures around 54-57 degrees, relative humidities 40-50 % and southeast winds 5-8 MPH with possible gusty and erratic outflows from thunderstorms.

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 a comprehensive Smoke Outlook visit: <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/176bd0bb>

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/nmgnf-hummingbird-fire>

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