



Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – Andrew Mandell – Incident Commander



Interior pockets of fuel continue to burn as Frijoles Fire containment lines hold Daily Update for August 30, 2026

Fire Information Phone: (505) 407-5343 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

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Acres: 15,367

Location: Three miles east of Cundiyo, NM

Personnel: 594

Containment: 59%

Start Date: August 4, 2026

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Timber and Brush

Latest Update: Firefighters on the Frijoles Fire responded to increased fire activity yesterday, as interior pockets of unburned fuels continued to burn.

Ongoing & Planned Operations: On Saturday, crews continued working in communities on the north end of the fire area, furthering protection efforts of values at risk. On the southern end of the fire, several isolated pockets of unburned fuel became active within the fire's interior. Ground and air resources responded to the increased activity, with aviation resources making water bucket drops to help cool hotspots and support firefighters on the ground.

As hot, dry conditions persist, unburned fuels within the fire's interior are expected to continue burning, producing visible smoke and occasional increases in fire activity. These areas remain within established containment lines, and firefighters will continue to patrol and respond to interior heat as needed. Ground and air resources also remain prepared to respond to reports of new fire starts in the area.

Air Quality & Smoke: The portion of the valley west of the fire, Nambe and Espanola, can expect Moderate air quality for part of the morning from smoke that drained into the valley overnight, and Good air quality the rest of the day. Taos and Santa Fe can expect Good air quality all day. Westerly winds will carry smoke over the mountains to Mora, causing periods of Moderate air quality in the afternoon. Otherwise, Mora will have Good air quality. More information: <https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook>.

Weather: Today's temperatures will reach the upper-80s with humidity in the 20-30% range. Chances for late afternoon showers and thunderstorms will continue today across the fire area.

Evacuations & Closures: As of Saturday, August 29, Cundiyo, Cerro Pinon, and Borrego Mesa have changed to ready status. There are currently no areas of Santa Fe or Rio Arriba counties in set or go status associated with the Frijoles Fire. Residents should remain prepared and continue monitoring official updates, as the fire remains active and conditions may change.

The following closures remain in effect: NM 503 remains restricted to residents and emergency personnel in the affected area. A temporary forest area closure remains in effect on the Santa Fe National Forest, including the Pecos Wilderness area in the Espanola Ranger District. Additionally, there is a Temporary Road Closure Order affecting FR 306, from the intersection of FR 440 and FR 306, west to the Forest Boundary and FR 306. Detailed closure information is available at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/nmsnf-frijoles-fire>.

More Information: The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in place over Frijoles Fire area. Unauthorized drone use can impede firefighting operations and presents a risk to firefighter safety. If you fly, we can't. More information is available at <https://tfr.faa.gov/>.

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmsnf-frijoles-fire>

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