



Forest Service News Release

Laguna Wildfire Daily Update

Andrew Nordquist – Incident Commander

July 13, 2025

Acres: 14,700 (acreage decreased due to more accurate mapping with Infrared)

Start Date: 6/25/2025

Containment: 45 %

Location: Located in the Coyote Ranger District, 8 miles north of New Mexico State Road 96 and west of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness.

Personnel: 162

Fuels: Oak brush, ponderosa pine, pinyon-juniper, mixed conifer

Resources: 3 hotshot crews, 1 Type 2 Initial Attack crew, 2 suppression modules, 5 engines, 3 water tenders (2 support; 1 tactical)

Rio Arriba County Information: Due to growth on the Laguna Wildfire today, Rio Arriba County is implementing “set” status for the Monastery of Christ in the Desert and “go” status for Gallinas Ranch. These areas are near Forest Service Roads 151 and 434 within Chama Canyon where the Rio Chama and the Rio Gallinas intersect. Set Status describes being prepared for the possibility of an evacuation before a wildfire arrives. Residents should take the following precautions:

- Create an evacuation plan for your home, family and pets
- Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person in your household
- Fill out a Family Communication Plan that includes important evacuation and contact information
- Stay informed by following local media, local fire alerts, and county emergency notifications.

For more information about Ready, Set, Go statuses and what they mean, visit [EMNRD Ready Set Go](#)

Highlights: The Southwest Area Incident Management Team 1, led by Incident Commander Carl Schwope, will take command of the Laguna Wildfire starting tomorrow, July 14, 2025. Today, fire crews scouted both direct and indirect opportunities and natural fuel breaks to contain the wildfire. Helicopters conducted water drops to slow the fire's progression. Additionally, an indirect control line was established on the northern edge of the wildfire toward Rio Gallina.

Smoke: Widespread haze will continue due to smoke from the Laguna Wildfire, along with fires in Colorado and Arizona. Air quality across most locations remains at GOOD to MODERATE levels, despite the recent fire activity. The area from Abiquiu to Espanola has experienced some exceptions, with impacts lasting only a few hours in the afternoon, but air quality has generally remained at MODERATE levels. Overall, hazy conditions will continue, with most areas maintaining GOOD to MODERATE air quality throughout the weekend.

Weather: Fair to good humidity recovery is forecast through Tuesday morning. Otherwise, scattered showers and storms during the afternoon hours on Monday will favor strong/erratic wind gusts over wetting rainfall. A Monsoon moisture surge is forecast toward the end of the week that will result in higher humidity and good chances for wetting rainfall.

Safety: The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the highest priority. Please avoid the area while crews manage the Laguna Wildfire. Drones and firefighting aircraft are a dangerous mix and could lead to accidents or slow down wildfire operations. If you fly, we can't.

Closures: Closure Order 03-10-01-25-09 is in place and includes all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within Township 24N Range 1E Sections 1,2,11,12,13,14,23,24,25,26 and Township 24N Range 2E Sections 4-9 and Sections 14-32 and Township 25N Range 1E Sections 25,35,36 and Township 25N Range 2E Sections 30-32 of the New Mexico Principal Meridian within the Coyote Ranger District. The purpose of this Order is to protect the public's health and safety during firefighting operations for the Laguna Wildfire.

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