

# NEWS

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UPDATE – Main Fire – August 12, 2009

Yesterdays afternoon rains helped to lessen fire activity on the Main Fire with more showers expected throughout today. The fire is now estimated to be 275 acres.

Firefighters completed approximately one and one-half miles of line on the southeast corner of the fire during yesterday's operation period. Today, they will focus on completing the remaining two and one-half miles of line along the forest boundary, re-establishing old lines and reducing vegetation within the area. These actions will result in creating a safer buffer zone in the event of future wildfires and help to protect any adjacent communities.

Continued use of aviation resources is helping to minimize any fire activity.

Partners supporting these efforts are Kirtland Air Force Base, Bernalillo County Fire, Bernalillo County Emergency Management, and Southern Pueblo Agencies. These agencies are reinforcing wildland fire crews and patrols in the area and will assist when needed. Firefighters include the following; Hopi Type 2 Crew, the Navaho Scouts Hotshots from Arizona and the Sawtooth Hotshots from Idaho, and the New Mexico Inmate Work Camp.

Firefighter and public safety are the primary priority in this combined effort. The public is asked to be alert to increased fire apparatus on community roadways and to drive with caution.

NO EVACUATIONS IN EFFECT  
NO STRUCTURES THREATENED

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