

New Mexico South Fork Fire and Salt Fire June 18, 2024

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Press release on 06/18/2024:

“Governor issues statement on South Fork Fire evacuations in Ruidoso
Jun 18, 2024 | [Press Releases](#)

SANTA FE – Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has issued a statement regarding the ongoing South Fork Fire and mandatory evacuations in Ruidoso: “My administration is in close contact with state, tribal and federal officials about the status of these fast-moving fires, and we are quickly deploying as many resources as possible to protect people and property.

I strongly urge residents of Ruidoso and the surrounding areas to remain calm and heed official instructions to help minimize risk.

I want to thank all first responders and others who are battling these fires, managing the evacuation and providing crucial emergency services, including the town of Roswell which rapidly stood up shelter for evacuees. New Mexicans always pull together in times of need, and this time is no different,” said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**.”

Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

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Social media post shared on 06/18/2024:

“Village of Ruidoso

SALT FIRE Update: The Salt Fire’s progression slowed somewhat during the night. The fire is creeping through difficult, mountainous terrain south of Ruidoso. Aircraft will be able to identify the spots closest to Ruidoso Downs and will seek to perform air attack today.

Size: 4,876 acres estimated

Containment: 0%

Weather: 75 degrees, 15% humidity. Winds from the north at 9 mph. Today’s high will be near 87 and southwest winds 5-15 mph.

Evacuations: Evacuation orders will remain in effect for: Chatto Bluff, Apache Summit, Fantasy Lane, homes along Highway 70 from Highway 244 to the east Reservation line, Bear Canyon, and Snow Canyon.

More information about shelters and evacuations can be found here:

[Village of Ruidoso | Ruidoso NM | Facebook](#)

[Mescalero Apache Tribe | Mescalero NM | Facebook](#)

Update provided by the New Mexico State Forestry Division.”

Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services

300 Central Ave

Carrizozo, NM 88301

(575) 336-8600

[Fire & Emergency Services \(lincolncountynm.gov\)](#)

County of Otero Office of Emergency Services

1101 New York Ave

Alamogordo, NM 88310

(575) 439-2612

[Office of Emergency Services | Otero County, NM](#)

American Red Cross

American Red Cross Arizona and New Mexico Region: New Mexico

2121 Osuna Rd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87113

(505) 265-8514

[New Mexico | American Red Cross](#)

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Open Shelters:

Lincoln County:

**Lincoln County Fairgrounds
101 5th St.
Capitan, NM 88316**

**Capitan High School
519 Smokey Bear Blvd
Capitan, NM 88316**

Otero County:

**Inn of the Mountain Gods
287 Carrizo Canyon Rd
Mescalero, NM 88340**

**Mescalero Apache Community Center
108 Central Ave
Mescalero, NM 88340**

**Christ Community Church
2960 N Scenic Dr.
Alamogordo, NM 88310**

Department of Transportation

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1120 Cerrillos Rd.
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Please see the following link for updated traffic conditions: [NMRoads - The official road advisory system for the State of New Mexico](#)

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

Otero & Lincoln County's 2-1-1
Call 211 or (575) 437-8400
[Thrive in Southern New Mexico \(letsthrevenm.org\)](http://letsthrevenm.org)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362
FEMA.gov

Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

Home | disasterassistance.gov

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.