

# Indios Fire Information

## Maps and agency fire updates

compiled by Jonathan Glass June 14, 2024

The Indios Fire started on May 19, 2024 from lightning on the steep northwest slopes of Ojitos Canyon in the Chama River Canyon Wilderness. This document contains each [Santa Fe National Forest news release](#) about the fire through the latest date below. For many days of the fire, a screenshot is included from [#FireMappers](#) showing thermal hotspots detected by satellite. Other maps of the fire are included for certain days as well.

Legend for <a href="#">#FireMappers</a> screenshots	
<p><b>Satellite (VIIRS) Thermal Hotspots and Fire Activity</b></p> <p>Hours Since Acquisition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 to 72 Hours</li> <li>24 to 48 Hours</li> <li>Within the Last 24 Hours</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Weather Warnings (Fire related, National Weather Service)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Flag Warning</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wildfire Perimeters (US-NIFC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildfire Daily Fire Perimeter</li> </ul> <p><b>Current Wildfires (IRWIN - hosted by Esri)</b></p> <p>USA Wildfire Incidents (Acres)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,000-9,999</li> <li>0-999</li> <li>New (Past 24-hour)</li> <li>Incident Complex</li> <li>Prescribed Fire</li> </ul>

Legend for #FireMappers 3.1 from the National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation

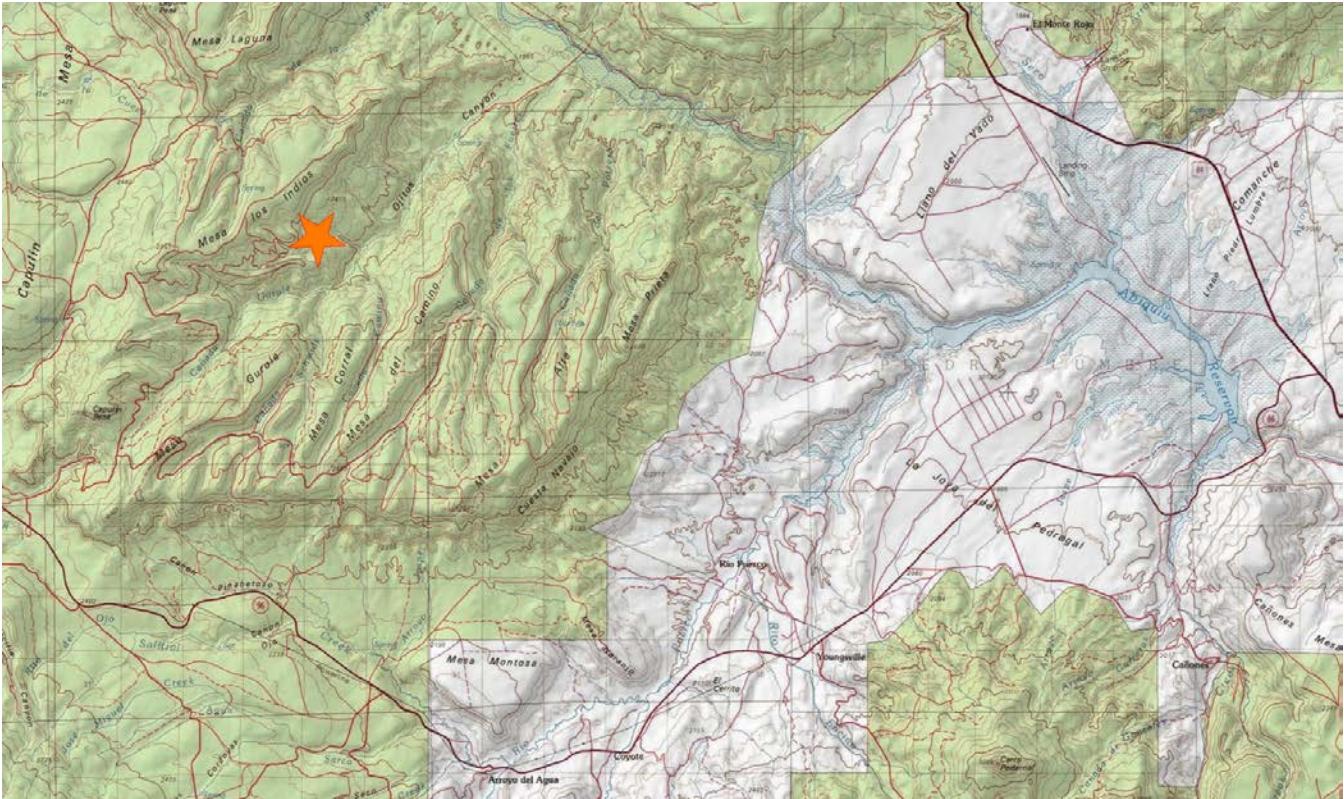
**May 19, 2024**

**The Indios Fire started in the Chama River Canyon Wilderness:**



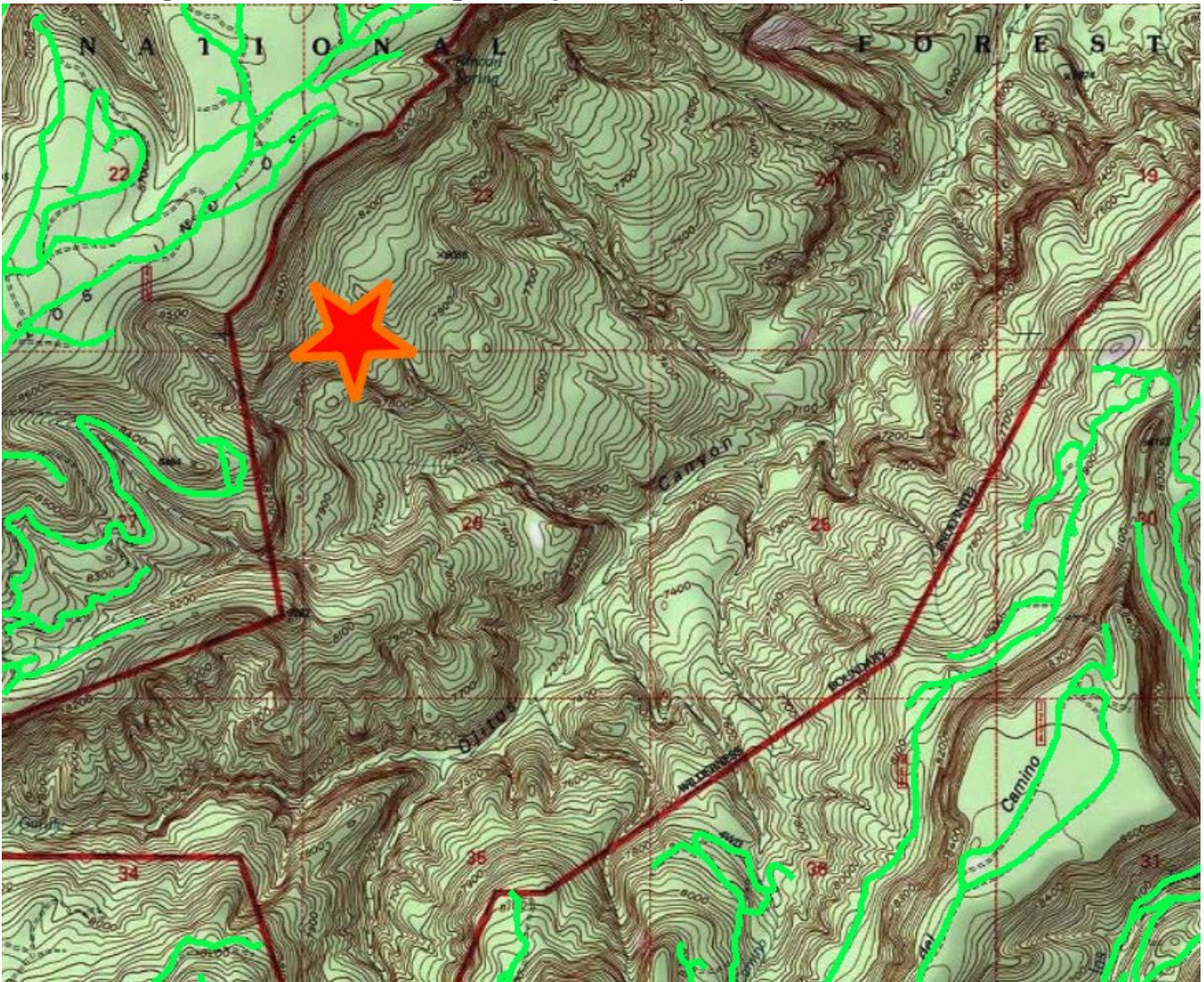
Indios Fire start - May 19, 2024. Basemap: ESRI National Geographic

**The fire was about 5 miles southwest of the Chama River, 10 miles northwest of Coyote, and 15 miles west of Abiquiu Lake:**



Regional view of Indios Fire start – May 19, 2024. Basemap: ESRI National Geographic

## The fire originated on the the slope of Ojitos Canyon:



Closeup of Indios Fire start on the northwest slope of ~1,300 foot deep Ojitos Canyon - May 19, 2024. The ignition was about two thirds of the way up the slope from the canyon bottom. Red lines = Chama River Canyon Wilderness boundary. Green lines = roads. Basemap: ESRI National Geographic.

# May 20, 2024

## New Wildfire Start in Coyote Ranger District - May 20, 2024

**Release Date: May 20, 2024**

Contact(s): [Claudia Brookshire](#)

### **Santa Fe National Forest fire managers respond to Indios Fire**

Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) fire managers were notified of a new wildfire start on Sunday, May 19, around noon in the Coyote Ranger District, located about 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, N.M within the Chama River Canyon Wilderness. A fire investigator will confirm the cause, but lightning was detected in the area. Firefighters were not able to safely engage the fire due to steep and inaccessible terrain. Firefighters have spent the last couple days scouting roads and gaining access to the fire area to locate potential control lines. The northern New Mexico Type 3 team has been ordered to manage the Indios Wildfire. Firefighter safety, protecting values at risk, and meeting the SFNF Land Management Plan for wildfires are the main objectives for the incident.

A helicopter flew over the fire perimeter Monday morning (May 20) and assessed the acreage at 150-200 acres. Resources on the wildfire include 1 helicopter, 3 engines,

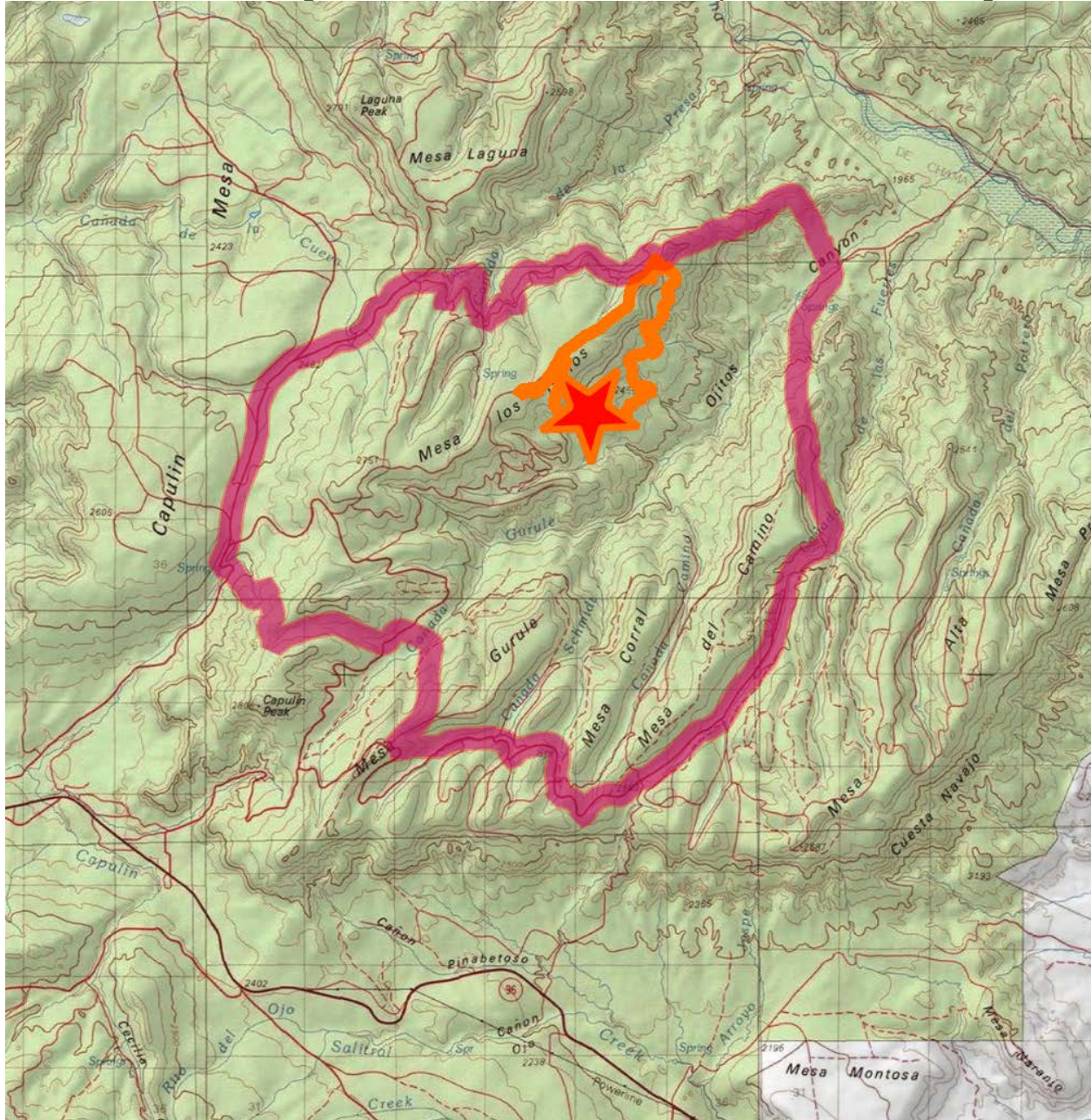
with additional resources on the way. The wildfire is most active on the northeast side burning within the Chama River Canyon Wilderness with currently no threats to people or property. Smoke may be visible in the area along State Road 96. There are potential impacts to some recreation sites within the Coyote Ranger District namely the Continental Divide Trail.

Fire managers are evaluating a variety of management strategies for the Indios Wildfire, which can range from full suppression to managing the fire to restore its natural role in the ecosystem while meeting resource objectives on the landscape. Wildfire management decisions are informed by several factors including firefighter safety, terrain, weather forecasts, past prescribed fire units and vegetation management projects in area, and threats to public safety and property. The fire is burning within the Rio Chama Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project an ecosystem restoration project that spans 3.8 million acres of forested lands and multiple ownerships in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. “Wildfires have the potential to decrease fuels and increase the health and resilience of forests. Fire is a natural and frequent component of the ecosystem in the area, and our team will look for opportunities to restore forest health when conditions permit,” said Forest Supervisor Shaun Sanchez.

Updates will be provided on the [SFNF website](#), [NM Fire Info](#), [Inciweb](#), and SFNF social media pages ([Facebook](#) and [X](#)).

# May 21, 2024

US Forest Service map of the Indios Fire, dated May 21, 2024 at 10:09 pm.

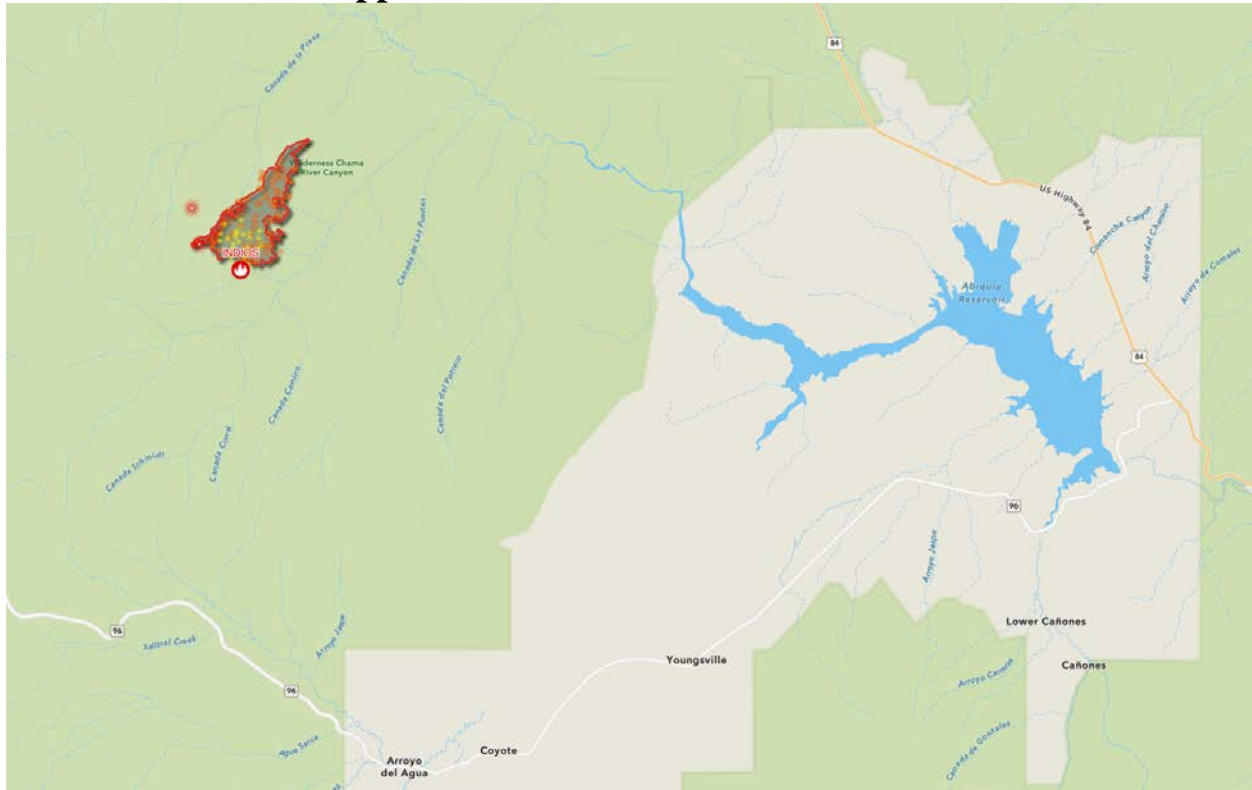


Indios Fire perimeter (orange, 688 acres) and USFS' "potential perimeter" pink, 18,218 acres). Source data from [USFS map of Indios Fire 20240521 2209](#)

(no May 21 update from US Forest Service)

# May 22, 2024

## Indios Fire on Firemappers - 2024-05-22 225546



## Indios Wildfire Update - May 22, 2024

**Release Date: May 22, 2024**

Contact(s): **Claudia Brookshire**

The Indios Wildfire, located in the Coyote Ranger District, is 851 acres as of Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The wildfire was first reported Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2024, and is located 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, N.M. and burning within the Rio Chama Canyon Wilderness. The cause of the wildfire is lightning.

The Northern New Mexico Type 3 Team under Incident Commander (IC) Luke McLarty assumed command of the wildfire the morning of May 22. Resources on the fire include the Carson and Sacramento Hot Shot crews, 4 engines, 1 helicopter, equipment, and fire management.

### Indios Management Strategy

The Northern NM Type 3 IMT is currently moving forward with a strategy to contain the wildfire. The containment strategy means using tactical actions to manage the fire within a predetermined area. This strategy lets fire play its natural role in a fire-dependent ecosystem within the Chama River Canyon Wilderness. Wildfire management decisions are informed by

several factors including firefighter safety, terrain, resource availability, fire behavior, past prescribed fire units and vegetation management projects in area, threats to public safety and property, and fire season outlook and modeling. The Type 3 IMT, working with the SFNF, will discuss altering management strategies if conditions change.

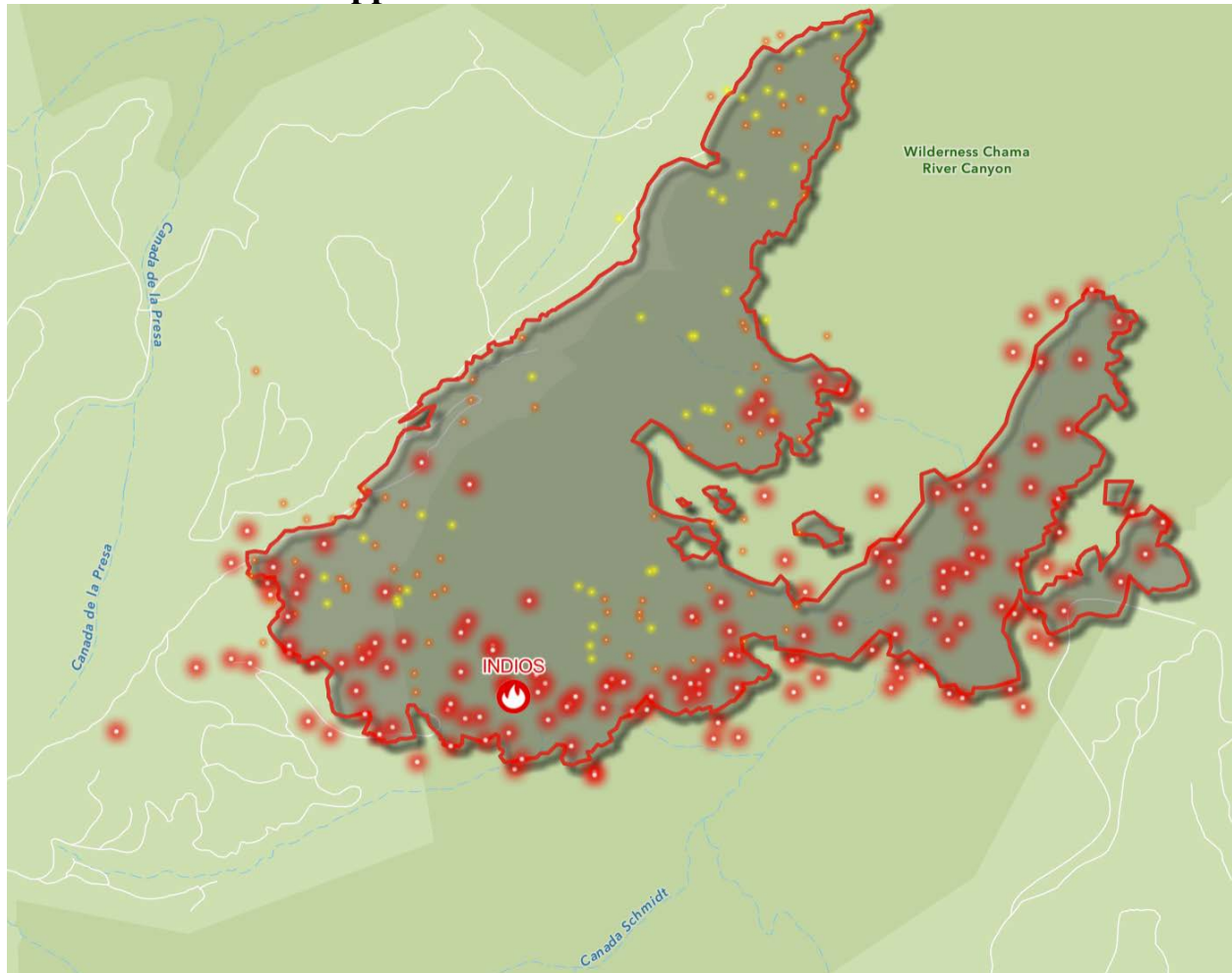
#### Impacts to the Public

- Smoke is visible and local communities may experience smoke impacts along Highways 96, 112, and 84.
- A closure order will be finalized soon for the Continental Divide Trail section from the junction of Highway 96 near Coyote, N.M., and Skull Bridge along the Rio Chama. There is signage at both trail junctions.

For updates on the Indios Wildfire visit [inciweb](#) and the Santa Fe National Forest social media pages ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)). IMT Public information officers will soon provide more information on engagement in communities.

**May 23, 2024**

**Indios Fire on Firemappers - 2024-05-23 131402**



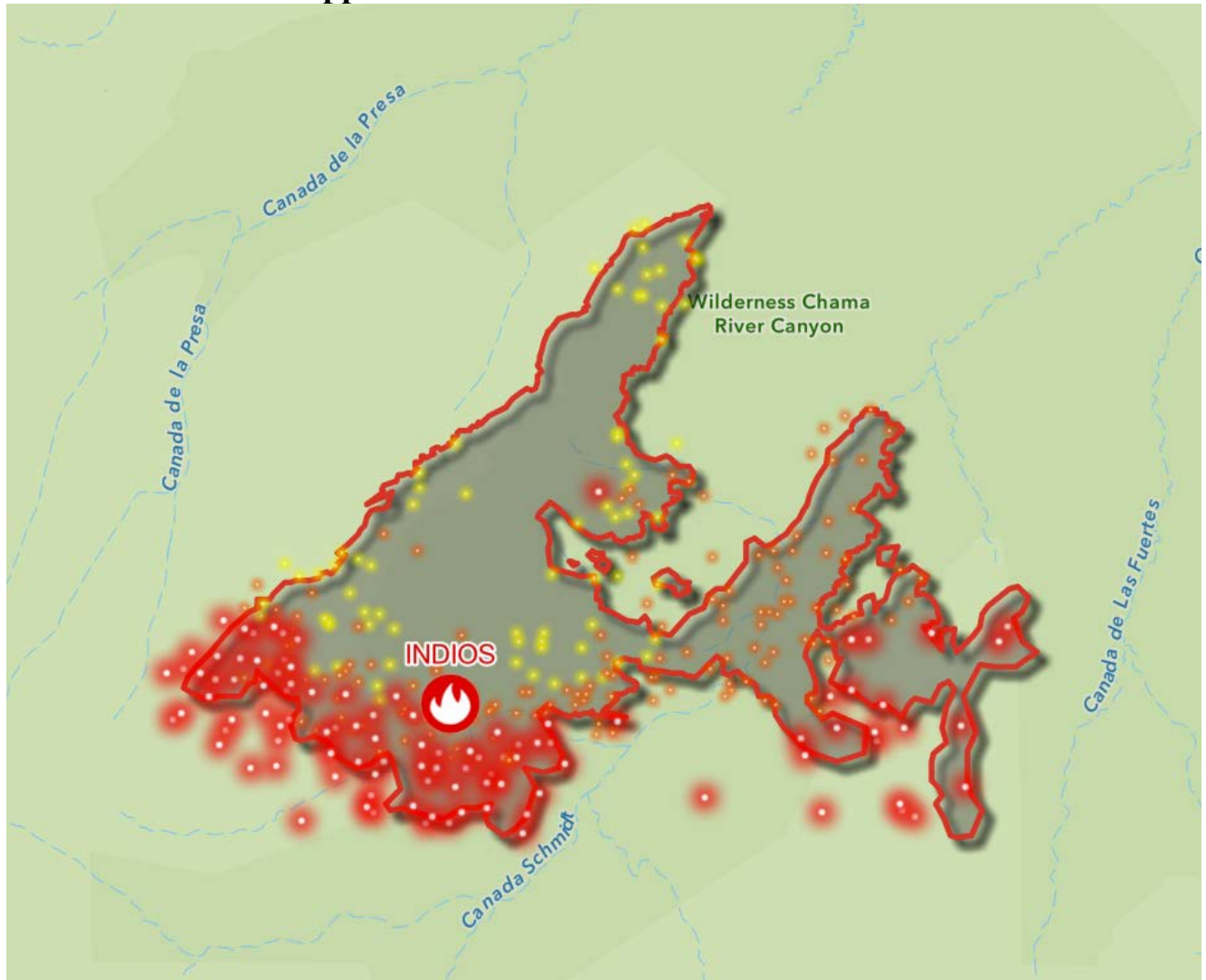
**(no May 23 update from US Forest Service)**

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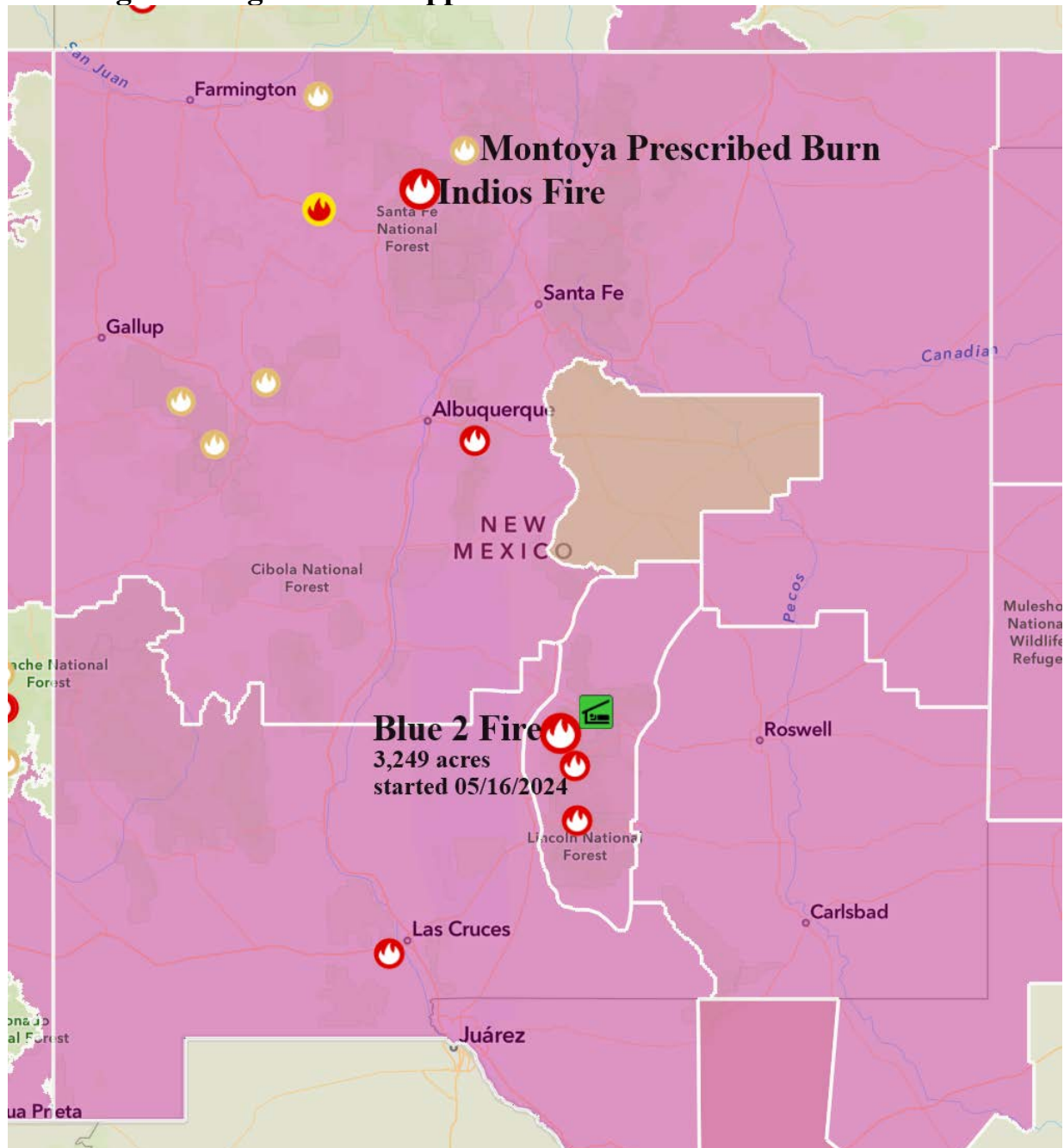
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May 25, 2024

Indios Fire on Firemappers - 2024-05-25 174724



## Red Flag Warnings on Firemappers - 2024-05-25 172706



## Indios Fire Update - May 25, 2024

Release Date: May 25, 2024

Contact(s): **Indios Fire**

### Indios Fire Daily Update

Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team:

Luke McLarty - Incident Commander

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Acres: 2345

Start Date: 5/19/2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, N.M.

Personnel: 195

Containment: 0%

Fuels: Timber, litter, understory

Resources: 5 crews | 1 helicopter | 5 engines | 1 road grader | 2 masticators | 1 water tender

Highlights: Fire information staff will be posted across the street from Bode's near the Post Office in Abiquiu on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (May 25-27) from 12-1 p.m. to meet with members of the public and answer questions.

The Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 4, Incident Commander Aaron Hulburd, will be in-briefed this afternoon to assume command of the fire on Monday, May 27. A CIMT comes with additional resources necessary to plan and manage this fire's long-term duration to meet the intent of letting fire play its natural role on the landscape.

Fire Activity: Yesterday, on the northeast side where it spotted into the 2017 Ojitos Fire area on Wednesday, the Sacramento and Black Mesa Interagency Hotshot crews worked to get an anchor point established. The crews used helicopters for water drops to cool the fire's edge and tied the fireline into natural holding features. The Black Mesa crew conducted some strategic firing operations to create blackline, removing fuels from between the fire's edge and the firelines. These crews will continue firing operations east to west to create a good line south of the fire.

The western edge of the fire from the handline on the northwest perimeter to where crews conducted firing operations along FR 473 Wednesday is holding. The Santa Fe, Mount Taylor,

and Carson IHCs continued prepping along FR 437 to FR 64, including conducting strategic firing operations to a checkline. Two masticators continued making progress on lines west of the fire. The Sandia Helitack crew worked on prepping range infrastructure and USFS kiosks south of the fire.

**Weather:** A Red Flag Warning is in effect today from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dry weather and strong winds are expected. The high temperature will be around 70 degrees, with minimum humidity around 11-16 percent. Winds will be southwest at 7-16 mph, shifting to west at 18-23 mph in the afternoon with gusts to 40 mph.

**Smoke:** Smoke is visible and local communities may experience smoke impacts along Highways 96, 112, and 84.

**Closures:** Closure Order 03-10-01-24-02 is in place and includes all National Forest System lands within the boundary of the Coyote Ranger District starting from the Continental Divide trail #298 at Highway 96 going north across Forest Road (FR) 77, through the Chama River Canyon Wilderness to Skull Bridge (Ojitos Trail head) on FR 151. FR 11 northwest to the Chama River Canyon Wilderness boundary and Junction with FR 8; FR 169 (from junction with FR 11) south to FR 473; FR 473 south to FR 64; FR 64 South to the junction of FR 77; and FR 77 east to the Chama River Canyon Wilderness boundary. FR 77 from the Forest boundary and County Road 418 to the junction of FR 64 and FR 77. The Chama River Canyon Wilderness south of Rio Gallina and south of Rio Chama. Visit [Inciweb](#) for the full order and map.

For CDT hikers impacted by this closure, camping and water will be available at the Coyote Ranger Station.

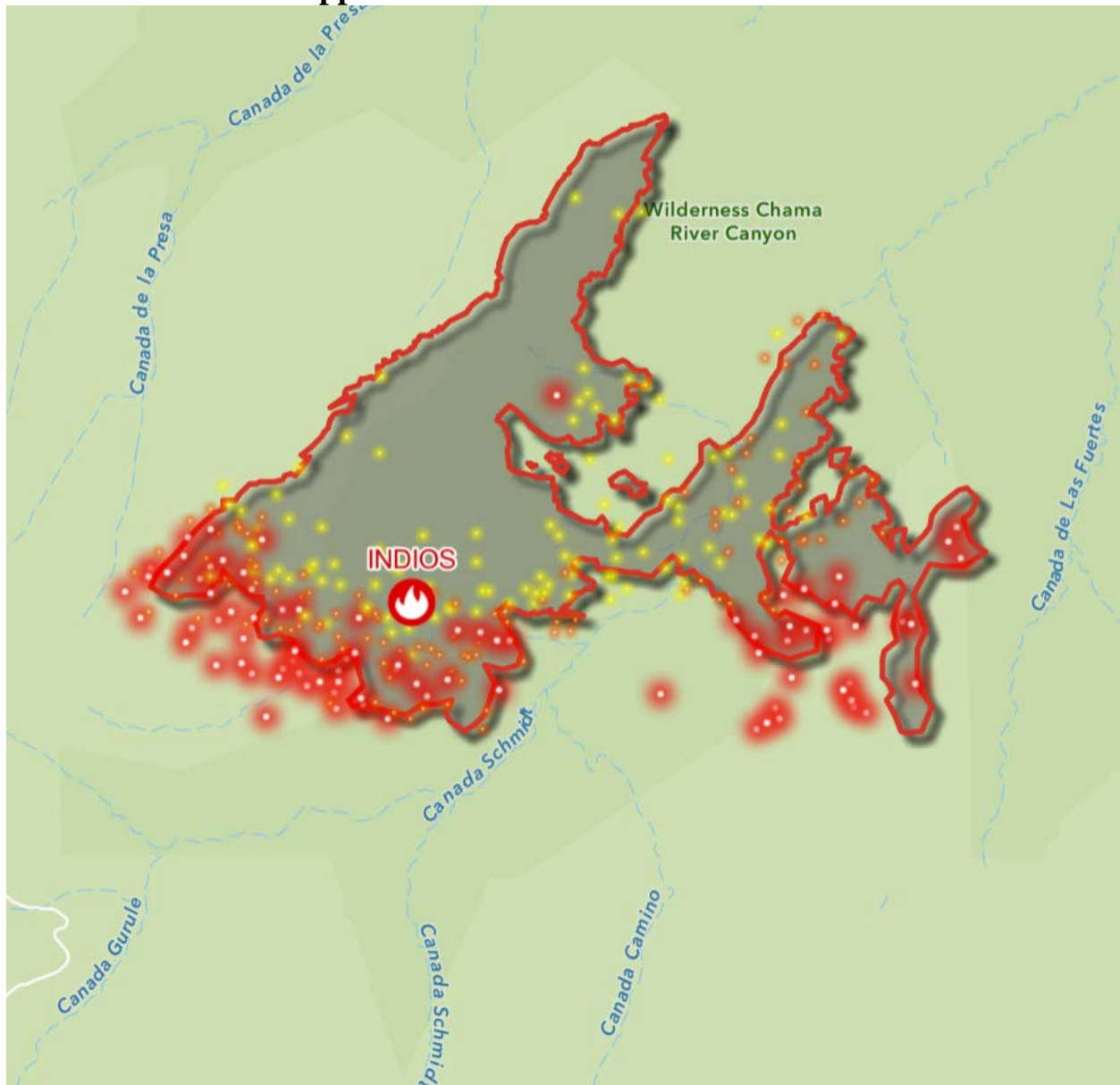
**Temporary Flight Restrictions:** There is a TFR in place around the fire area.

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May 26, 2024

Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-05-26 093925



## Indios Fire Update - May 26, 2024

Release Date: May 26, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

### Indios Fire Daily Update

Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team: Luke McLarty - Incident Commander

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Acres: 2619

Start Date: 5/19/2024

Cause: Lightning

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, N.M.

Personnel: 204

Containment: 0%

Resources: 6 crews | 1 helicopter | 7 engines | 1 road grader | 2 masticators | 4 water tenders

Highlights: Fire information staff will be posted across the street from Bode's near the Post Office in Abiquiu on Sunday and Monday (May 26-27) from 12-1 p.m. to meet with members of the public and answer questions.

The Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 4, Incident Commander Aaron Hulburd, will assume command of the fire on the morning of Monday, May 27. A CIMT comes with additional resources necessary to plan and manage this fire's long-term duration to meet the intent of letting fire play its natural role on the landscape.

Fire Activity: Despite a Red Flag Warning yesterday and strong winds, the fire showed moderate activity and firelines held. Due to the varied terrain, the fire doesn't see constant sustained winds, allowing it to play its natural role in the landscape by cleaning up dead and down timber, brush, and needle cast. Because of the steep, rugged terrain, crews continue to build firelines utilizing roads and natural features where it makes sense. The fire continues to have good effects on the landscape as it works towards those lines.

The Carson Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) worked at the head of a sub-drainage south of the

fire, where they improved the line and held the strategic firing operations they had conducted over the past few days. The Santa Fe and Mount Taylor IHCs made progress working further south towards a chunk of private land within the National Forest boundary. This line is expected to be done in a few more days. The masticators continue working west of the fire, improving along FR 8. The Sandia Helitack is still working at the end of Mesa Gurule toward the private land. The Sacramento and Black Mesa IHCs continue to hold the line on the east side. They will assess additional strategic firing operations with the more favorable weather ahead.

**Weather and Smoke:** The high temperature will be around 70 degrees, with minimum humidity around 13-17 percent. Winds will be west at 12-17 mph with gusts to 25 mph. Smoke is visible and local communities may experience smoke impacts along Highways 96, 112, and 84. For smoke impacts, visit [www.fire.airnow.gov](http://www.fire.airnow.gov).

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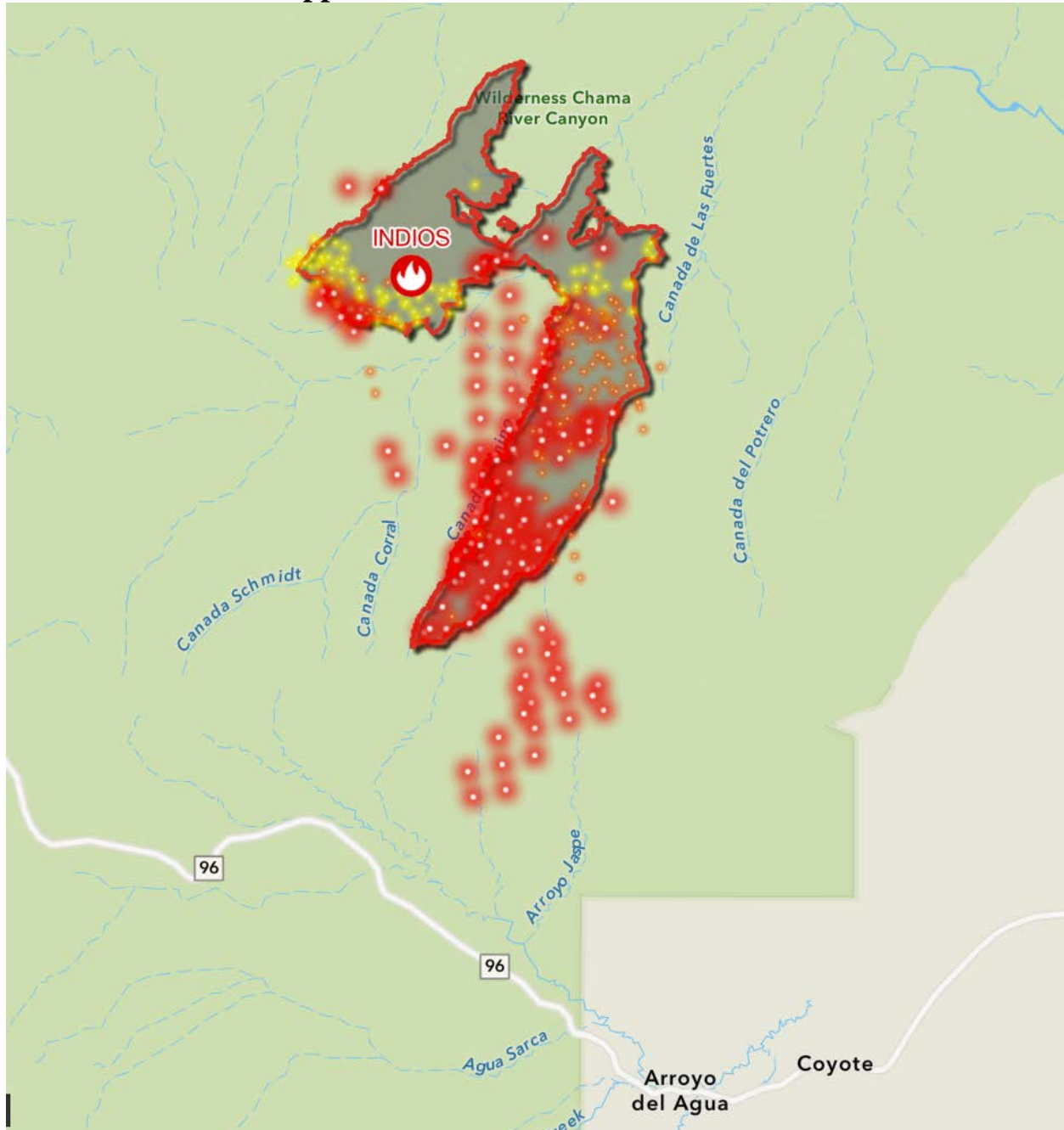
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# May 27, 2024

## Indios Fire on Firemappers - 2024-05-27 232334



## Indios Fire Update - May 27, 2024

Release Date: May 27, 2024

Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 4 assumes command of Indios Fire Daily Update

Acres: 4,210

Start Date: 5/19/2024

Cause: Lightning

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, N.M.

Personnel: 292

Containment: 0%

Resources: 6 crews | 1 helicopter | 7 engines | 1 road grader | 2 masticators | 4 water tenders

**Highlights:** The Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 4 assumed command of the lightning caused Indios Fire at 7:00 AM this morning, Monday, May 27, 2024. A complex team brings additional resources and management capabilities to manage the Indios Fire.

Incident objectives include protecting values at risk and meeting Santa Fe National Forest Plan objectives by reintroducing fire into a fire dependent ecosystem. Expected benefits include reduction of hazardous fuels, encouraging native growth, and improving range and watershed conditions, species diversity, and wildlife habitat.

**Operations:** Despite windy conditions, the fire has been predominantly driven by topography in steep, rugged terrain in the Chama River Canyon Wilderness. Firefighters continue to construct firelines by removing vegetation along existing roads and tying into natural features, such as rocky cliffs, around the fire area. Crews are strategically applying low intensity fire along Forest Road 77 to remove vegetation between a previous wildfire burned area and the main fire to prevent fire spread to the east. Firefighters have conducted aerial reconnaissance missions and observed beneficial fire effects across the landscape. Fire crews are working to minimize adverse fire impacts to federal and private lands including watersheds, natural and cultural resources, range, and agricultural infrastructure, and preserving landscape characteristics in the Chama River Canyon Wilderness. Additionally, firefighters are working strategically to minimize smoke impacts to communities and critical travel corridors to the extent possible.

**Weather and Smoke:** A high pressure system will build over the area over the next few days resulting in increased temperatures and lower humidity. Mid-level clouds will develop over the mountains in the region bringing a slight potential for precipitation in the region by Tuesday or Wednesday. Smoke from the Indios Fire became more visible in the surrounding communities yesterday, including Espanola and Abiquiu. Winds are expected to assist with smoke dispersal this afternoon. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease

are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Learn more about smoke impacts on the [New Mexico Environment Department website](#). An interactive smoke map at [AirNow](#) allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

**Closures:** The Santa Fe National Forest has issued an emergency area closure for the Indios Fire. The purpose of the closure order is to protect public health and safety and the safety of all personnel working the fire. The full closure order (No. 03-12-05-23-22) and map are available on [Inciweb](#). Camping and water will be available at the Coyote Ranger Station for Continental Divide Trail hikers impacted by this closure.

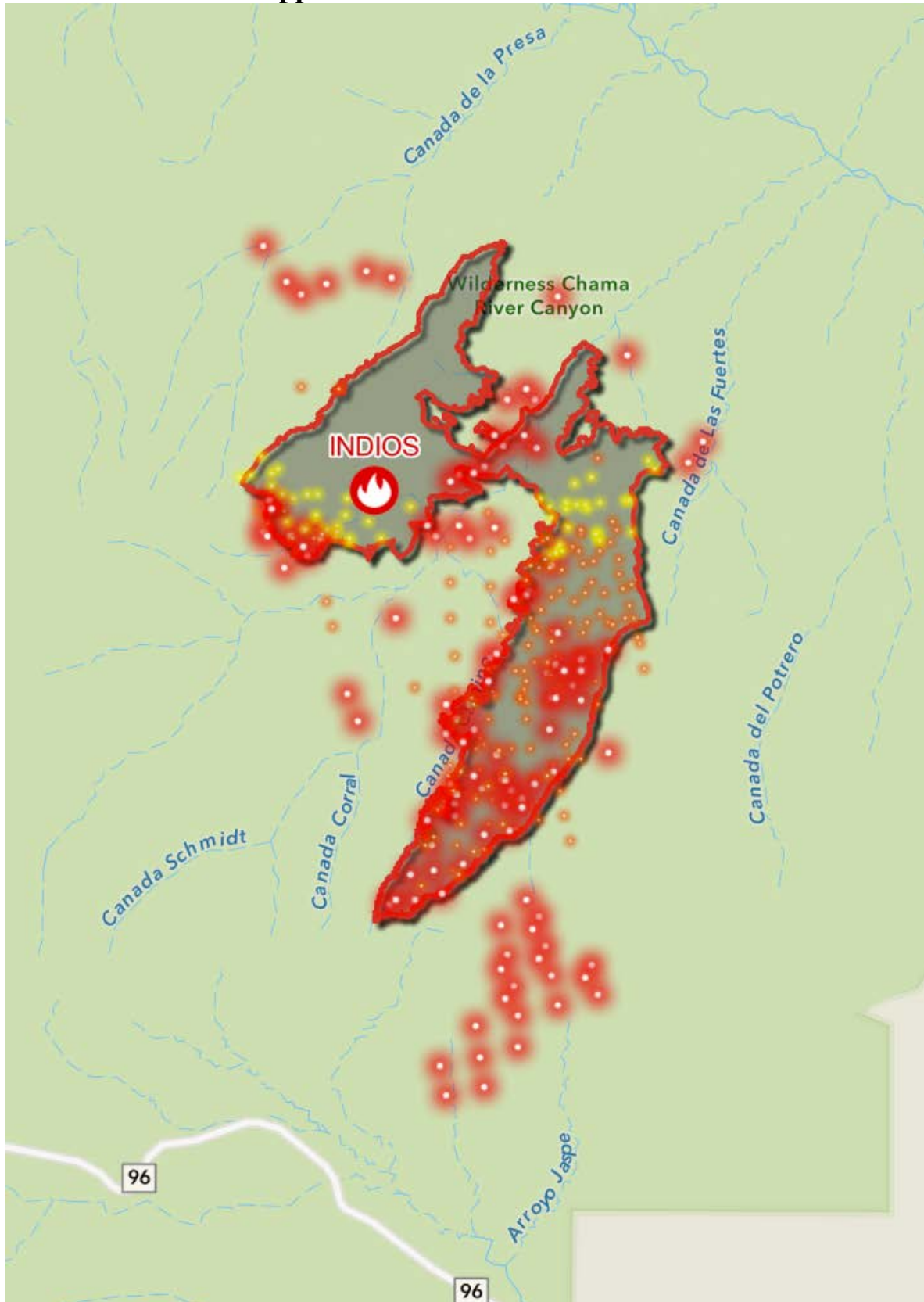
**Safety:** The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority. Members of the public should stay away from Indios Fire operations. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the area, which includes uncrewed aircraft or drones. More information on the dangers drones pose to wildland firefighting aircraft and personnel on the ground can be found at [uas.nifc.gov](#).

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May 28, 2024

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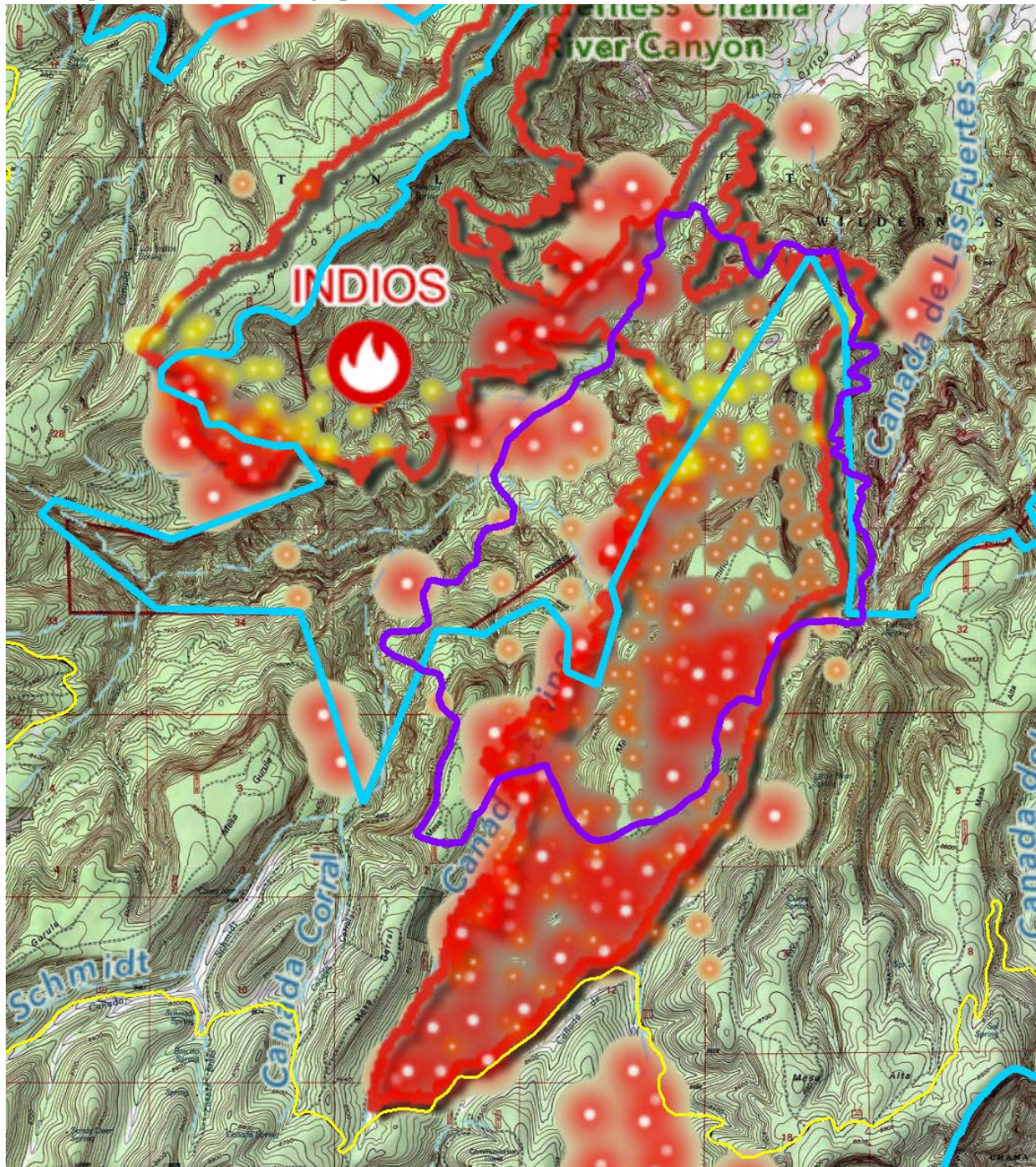
## Indios Fire and 2017 Ojitos Fire Perimeter

Indios Fire from #firemappers at May 28, 2024 115148

Purple line - perimeter of the 3,306 acre Ojitos Fire from 2017

Blue line - Chama River Canyon Wilderness boundary

Base map - ESRI National Geographic



## Indios Fire Update - May 28, 2024

Release Date: May 28, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Firefighters identify objectives for lightning-caused Indios Fire Daily Update – Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Acres: 4,844

Start Date: 5/19/2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 440

Completion: 0%

Fuels: Timber

Highlights: Fire managers are measuring progress on the lightning-caused Indios Fire in terms of percent completion of management objectives, rather than traditional percent containment.

Percent completion of objectives more accurately reports the specific amount of work accomplished on the ground to manage fire spread and reduce the negative impacts to communities, infrastructure, and other identified values. Using percent completion illustrates the accomplishment of objectives each day. On the Indios Fire, the intended operational objectives are to reintroduce fire into a fire-dependent ecosystem to reduce future wildfire severity. Benefits will include reduction of hazardous fuels, encouraging native growth, and improving range and watershed conditions, species diversity, and wildlife habitat.

Operations: Firefighters continue efforts to confine the Indios Fire within the planning area. Confinement is a wildfire response strategy that restricts a wildfire to a defined area, primarily using natural barriers. Additional response actions are sometimes needed to augment or connect natural barriers. Firefighters are focusing on prepping the perimeter of the confinement area by removing and chipping vegetation along existing roads and constructing handlines to connect and build a continuous boundary to restrict fire spread. Yesterday, crews placed a 10,000-gallon portable water tank near the western portion of the fire to provide a water source for fire management activities. Uncrewed aircraft systems (i.e., drones) were used to aerially ignite an unburned area to close the gap between two actively burning areas on the eastern portion of the fire. Firefighters will continue handline construction and fuels reduction activities in the coming days.

**Weather:** Over the next few days, potential thunderstorm activity will move over eastern New Mexico. This weather activity brings a 30% chance of precipitation today with mid-level moisture leading to wind gusts on the surface. Weather conditions should be conducive to beneficial fire effects into the afternoon and early evening.

**Smoke:** Smoke from the Indios Fire may continue to be visible in the surrounding communities. Smoke sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Learn more about smoke impacts on the New Mexico Environment Department website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>. An interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

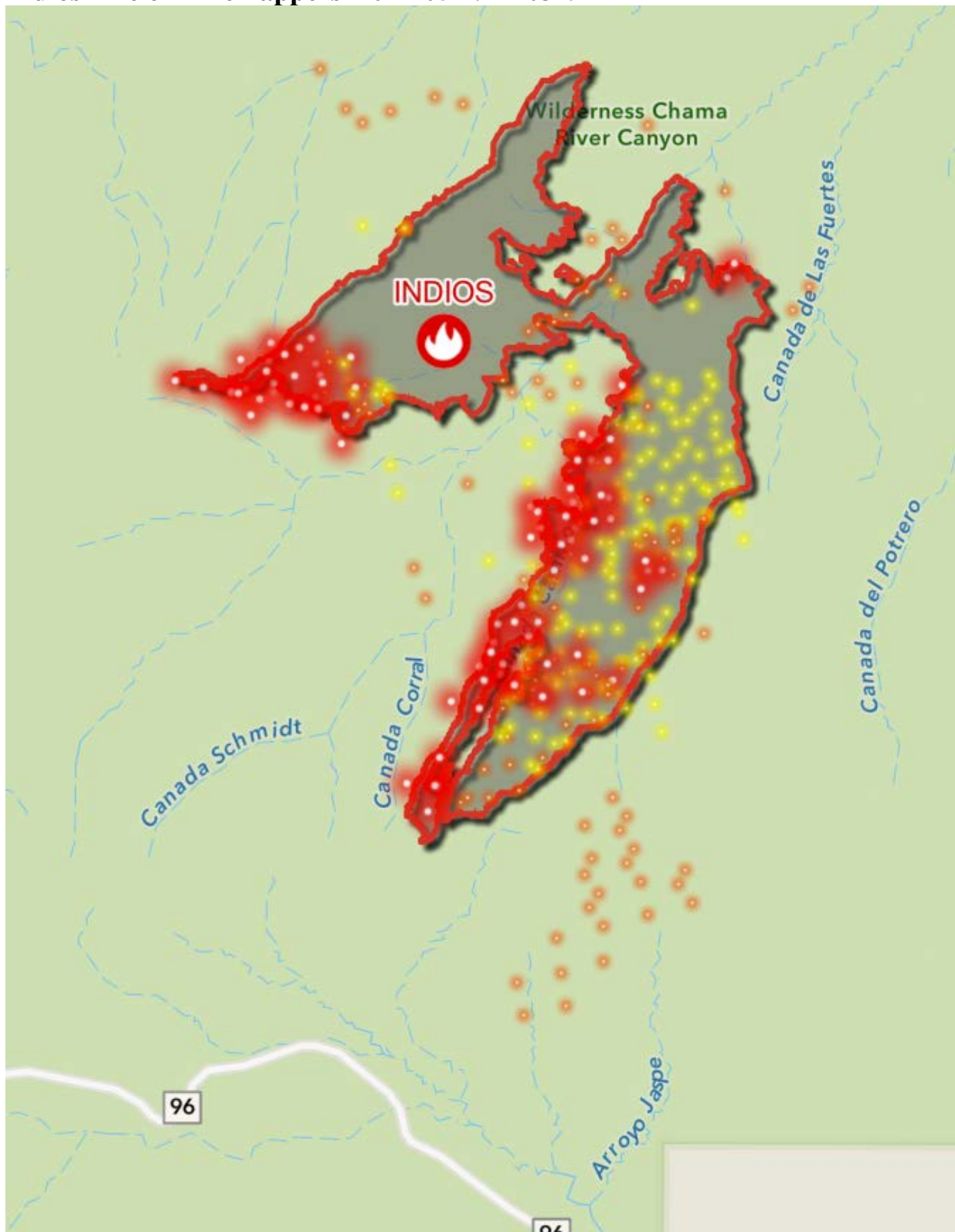
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**Safety:** The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the first priority. Members of the public should stay away from Indios Fire operations. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the area, which includes uncrewed aircraft systems or drones. More information on the dangers drones pose to wildland firefighting aircraft and personnel on the ground can be found at: <https://uas.nifc.gov/>.

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May 29, 2024

Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-05-29 120319



## Indios Fire Update - May 29, 2024

Release Date: Jun 1, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Firefighters achieve 5% completion on Indios Fire - Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Acres: 5,487

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 553 Completion: 5%

Fuels: Timber

**Highlights:** Fire managers have updated their assessment of accomplishments and increased to 5% completion of operational objectives for the Indios Fire. The incident management team will provide an opportunity for the public to meet with fire managers and ask questions about the Indios Fire at an open house on Thursday, May 30, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the lecture hall at the Coronado High School, 1903 NM-96, Gallina, NM.

**Operations:** Yesterday, firefighters observed increased fire activity on the western side due to light winds, warmer temperatures, and drier conditions. Aircraft with infrared sensors flew at 16,000 feet above ground level to detect and monitor fire growth to inform firefighting actions. The fire moved south down the interior edge of the fire area while crews worked to strategically apply a low intensity burn ahead of the main fire to prevent southern movement past Forest Road 77. Fire behavior specialists predict the fire will continue to slowly advance through the planned confinement area as the fire naturally aligns with winds and deep canyons. Firefighters are using several helicopters to drop water to cool the fire's intensity, slow its progress, and reduce smoke impacts. As crews continue working, Resource Advisors are assisting firefighters in identifying and avoiding impacts to sensitive cultural and wildlife resources. To minimize dust impacts to communities, fire engines are applying water to highly traveled dirt roads, including Forest Road 8.

**Weather:** Humidity increased significantly overnight, however, as temperatures increase later today, conditions are expected to dry out. Along with potential thunderstorm activity over northeastern New Mexico, these conditions are expected to bring increased winds and a 10% chance of precipitation in the fire area today.

**Smoke:** Smoke from the Indios Fire is visible from surrounding communities. Smoke-sensitive

individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Learn more about smoke impacts on the New Mexico Environment Department website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/airquality/fire-smoke-links/>. An interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions. Daily smoke reports are posted on Inciweb and the social media pages below.

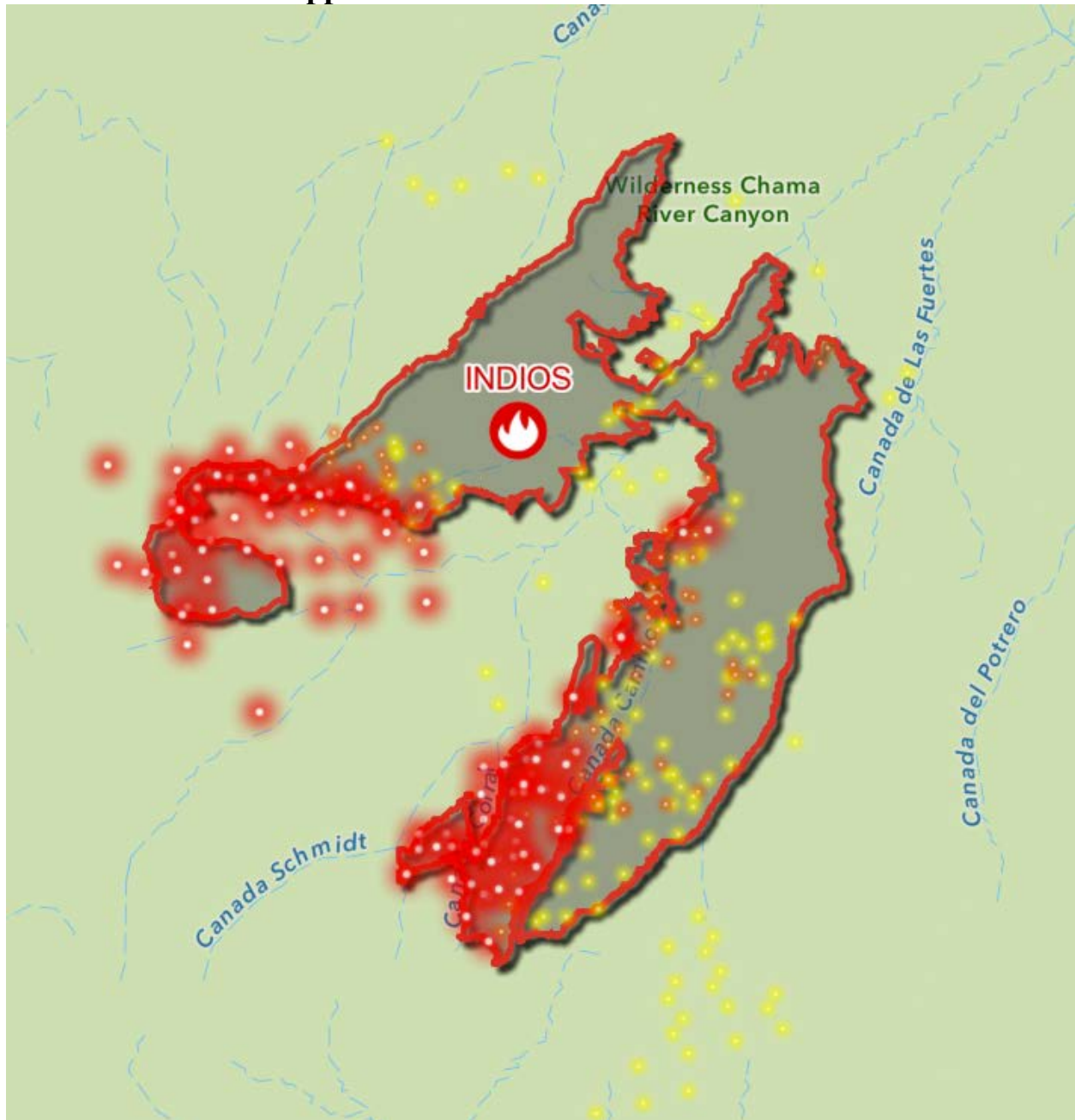
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May 30, 2024

Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-05-30 180926



## Indios Fire Update - May 30, 2024

Release Date: Jun 1, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Indios Fire open house tonight in Gallina Daily Update – Thursday, May 30, 2024

Acres: 6,139

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 623

Completion: 25%

Fuels: Timber

Highlights: The Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 4 will host an open house tonight, on Thursday, May 30, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the lecture hall at the Coronado High School, 1903 NM96, Gallina, NM. The open house will provide an opportunity for the public to meet with fire managers and ask questions about the Indios Fire. Spanish language translations will be provided.

Operations: Cloud cover and high humidity moderated fire behavior and restricted fire movement to a short burn window late yesterday afternoon. Fire crews along the western side of the fire completed mastication and handline work on Forest Road 8 well ahead of schedule and began working on contingency planning further west. The east side of the fire along Forest Road 468 is holding well, freeing up some crews to assist in other areas. Around a private ranch southwest of the fire, crews constructed fireline using dozers to the west and built handline and laid hoses to the east. Swing shifts have been brought on to complement day crews, allowing fire management activities to continue late into the evening. Another 10,000-gallon water tank was placed, and aerial water support helped to aid ground activities. Overall, fire crews have been working expediently, accomplishing one week's work in three days. Today, fire crews will continue this work as drier conditions move in. Structure protection crews will work along the southern edge of the confinement area to assess private property needs. External organizations, such as the Youth Conservation Corps, New Mexico Department of Transportation, and Coronado High School, are providing vital support to the incident management team.

**Weather:** Thunderstorm activity in southern Colorado, along with dry air from the west, should result in cloud buildup today. Temperatures should be similar to yesterday, and winds will continue to move down the canyons throughout the day and become westerly in the afternoon; however, air should be drier today than yesterday.

**Smoke:** Smoke from the Indios Fire is visible from surrounding communities. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Learn more about smoke impacts on the New Mexico Environment Department website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/airquality/fire-smoke-links/>. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

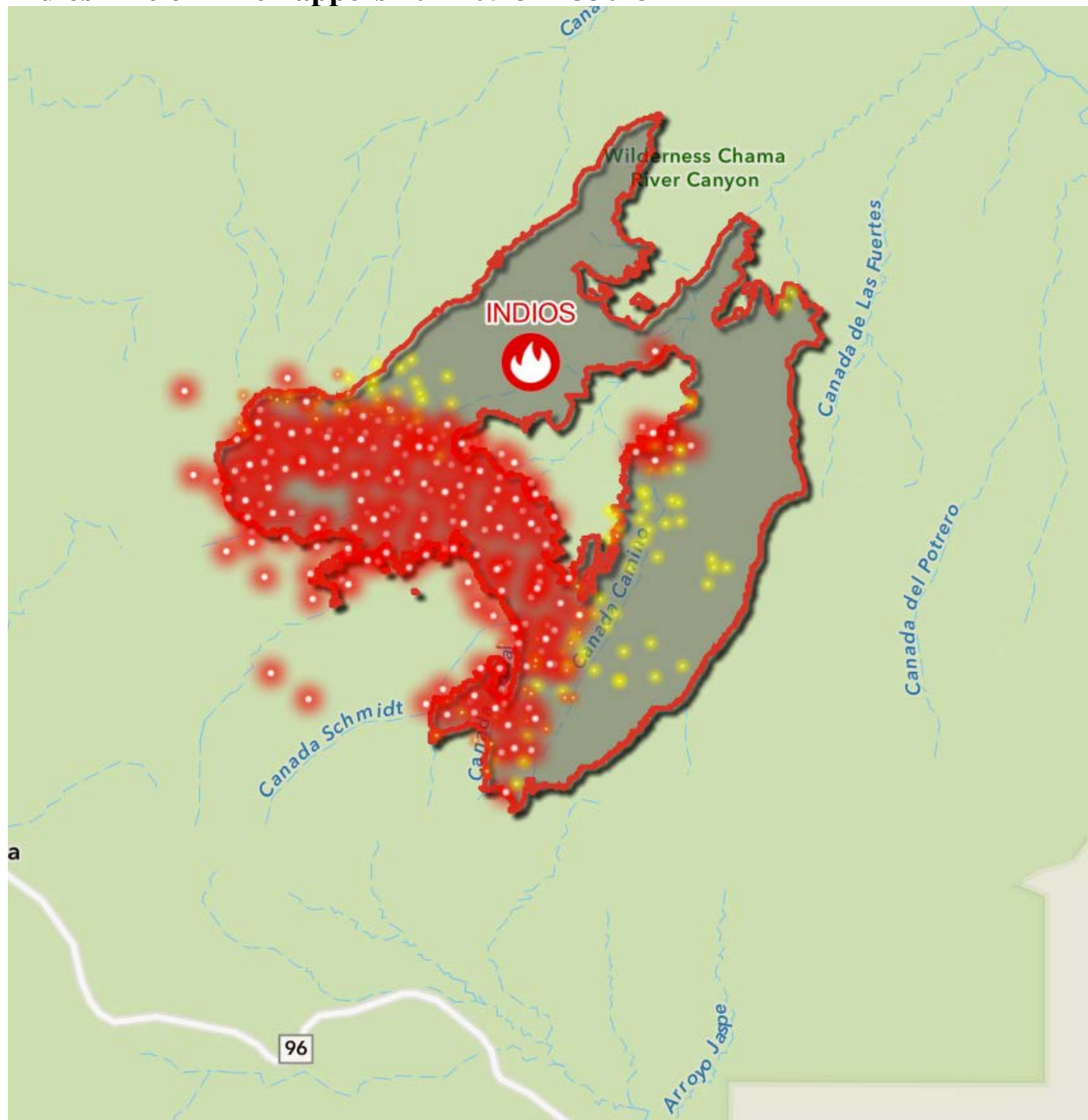
**Closures:** The Santa Fe National Forest has issued an emergency area closure for the Indios Fire. The purpose of the closure order is to protect public health and safety and the safety of all personnel working on the fire. The full closure order (No. 03-12-05-23-22) and map are available on Inciweb. Camping and water will be available at the Coyote Ranger Station for Continental Divide Trail hikers impacted by this closure.

**Safety:** A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the area, which includes uncrewed aircraft systems or drones. More information on the dangers drones pose to wildland firefighting aircraft and personnel on the ground can be found at: <https://uas.nifc.gov/>.

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**May 31, 2024**

**Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-05-31 133043**



## Indios Fire Update - May 31, 2024

Release Date: Jun 1, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Fire activity increases within planned fire perimeter Daily Update – Friday, May 31, 2024

Acres: 8,733

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 659

Completion: 25%

Fuels: Timber

Highlights: Active fire behavior within the planned fire perimeter led to a visible plume of smoke over the fire area. Large air tankers supported the work of ground crews to slow fire spread on the west side. Last night, an open house was held at the Coronado High School, providing fire information to over 50 community members.

Operations: The fire grew by about 2,500 acres yesterday, starting on the western-most edge of the fire perimeter. Thermal winds influenced fire growth near Forest Road (FR) 64, pushing it to connect into the eastern portion of the fire overnight. Large air tankers dropped retardant in support of the crews as they worked into the evening with bulldozers to help protect private land and stop fire spread across FR 64. Throughout the day, crews masticated along contingency lines to the west of the fire and cleared cut vegetation along FR 8. Fire activity remained within the eastern boundary of the fire, and crews worked to identify and prepare secondary firelines outside of that area. Along the southern tip of the fire, aerial ignition efforts moved the fire north away from FR 77. As fire activity increased, crews in the south focused on community preparedness. Helicopters delivered 64 loads of water over the fire and will likely maintain the same pace today. Firefighters will continue to prepare secondary, contingency firelines outside the planned primary firelines. Aviation activity will remain high to support firefighters on the ground.

Weather: Humidity levels and temperatures should rise slightly today. The chance of precipitation remains at 10%. Warming and drying trends will likely continue over the next week, leading to active fire conditions.

**Smoke:** A highly visible smoke column could be seen from Santa Fe and across the Rio Grande Valley. Heaviest smoke impacts were overnight into mid-morning hours along low-lying areas from Rio Chamas down to Hernandez. Areas along Highway 96 will have higher smoke levels where elevation is lower. Additional smoke monitors were installed yesterday in Coyote and more are planned for installation in Gallina, Española, Cañones, Chamas, and at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. A smoke outlook report for the Indios Fire is available online at the links below. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

**Closures:** The Santa Fe National Forest has issued a new emergency area closure for the Indios Fire. The full closure order (No. 03-12-05-23-22) and map are available on Inciweb. Camping, water, and shuttle service will be available at the Coyote Ranger Station for Continental Divide Trail hikers impacted by this closure.

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# June 1, 2024

## Indios Fire Update - June 1, 2024

Release Date: Jun 1, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Firefighters reach 41% completion on the Indios Fire Daily Update – Saturday, June 1, 2024

Acres: 11,129

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 697

Completion: 41%

Fuels: Timber

**Highlights:** Firefighters successfully applied low intensity fire along Forest Road 77 to prevent fire progression to the south and protect important values, including private property. Fire managers completed a reconnaissance flight over the fire area and observed a mosaic pattern of burned and unburned areas. Large pockets of unburned fuel, referred to as “green islands,” remain within the fire area. Smoke continues to settle in the surrounding communities to the northeast of the fire area

**Operations:** Increased cloud cover and higher humidity moderated fire activity yesterday morning. As temperatures increased in the afternoon, crews worked along the northwest edge of the fire to improve and hold the firelines by laying hose and removing snags, while also watching for any spot fires. Crews worked alongside heavy equipment to strengthen and reinforce dozer lines put in place the previous night. In the southwest corner of the fire, crews ignited fuels around the north end of the private property to remove vegetation and create a protective barrier, while others worked to further widen these protection lines. The interior of the fire area burned naturally throughout the day at varying intensities depending on terrain. Multiple aircraft, seven ground crews, and six engines worked together to plan and implement a well-organized burning operation down the Gurule Mesa. Today, crews will continue to reinforce primary and secondary firelines and patrol the perimeter for spot fires. Strategic firing operations conducted by crews on the ground and aircraft will continue across Gurule Mesa to reduce fire

intensity and minimize impacts to the watershed.

**Weather:** Similar temperatures are expected for today, while humidity levels may drop in the afternoon. The chance of precipitation remains at 10%. Winds out of the southwest will move up canyon and likely pick up tomorrow. Warming and drying trends will likely continue over the next week, leading to active fire conditions.

**Smoke:** Smoke continues to impact surrounding communities. Additional smoke monitors have been installed in Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, and at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautions. A smoke outlook report for the Indios Fire is available online at the links below. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

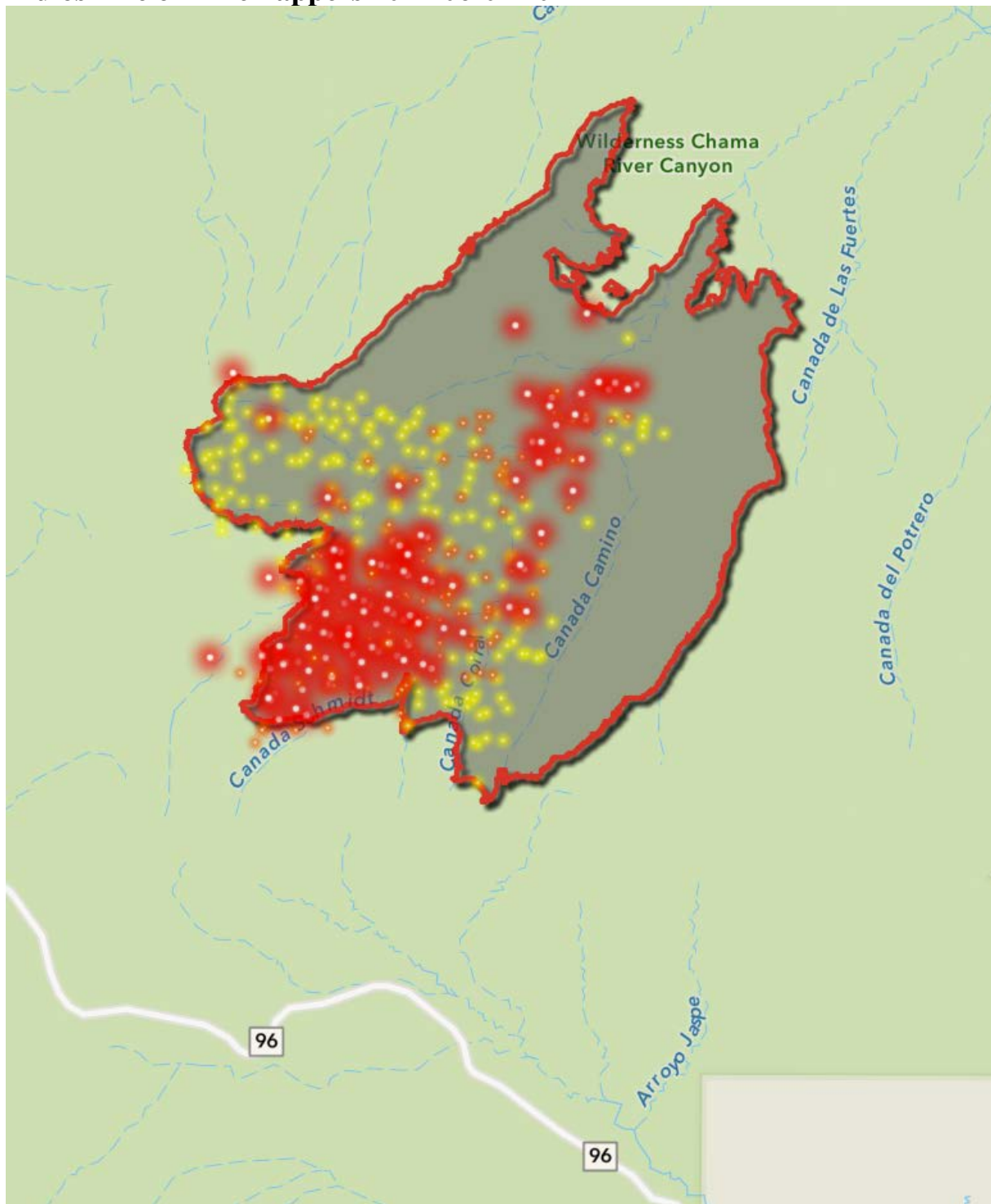
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**June 2, 2024**

**Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-06-02 101417**



## Indios Fire Update - June 2, 2024

Release Date: Jun 2, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 4 – AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT  
COMMANDER

Firefighters prepare for increased winds on the Indios Fire Daily Update – Sunday, June 2, 2024

Acres: 11,505

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 679 Completion: 50%

Fuels: Timber

**Highlights:** Crews have successfully reached 50% completion of operational objectives on the Indios Fire. Yesterday, fire activity was generally quiet along the northwest, north, and southeast flanks of the fire. In the southwest portion of the fire area, southern winds contributed to an additional 376 acres of growth which briefly resulted in increased afternoon smoke. Fire managers completed another reconnaissance flight over the fire area yesterday afternoon and observed large areas of unburned fuel in the interior of the fire. Smoke in the surrounding communities to the northeast of the fire area was diminished yesterday.

**Operations:** Along the southwestern perimeter of the fire, control lines placed around the private property held overnight and throughout the day. Firefighters continued to strengthen these firelines by cutting and piling downed trees and extinguishing or removing any burning material near the control lines. Hoses, sprinklers, and water pumps were also installed around the private property to further strengthen these protections. After these lines were successfully reinforced, helicopters were used to conduct aerial ignitions further down slope from the private property. As afternoon temperatures increased, helicopters also assisted ground crews by dropping water buckets to reduce fire intensity as it spread across the landscape. Wind direction continues to drive the fire as it consumes vegetation inside the control lines, slowly burning through the interior of the fire perimeter. Today, crews will prepare for predicted winds by reinforcing primary and secondary firelines and remaining vigilant in their patrols to ensure fire does not cross established control lines.

**Weather:** Increased wind speeds and much drier air are expected to move over the fire area today. This will mark the start of several days of very dry conditions and breezy afternoons that could result in burn periods extending into the evening. The area is expected to experience an increased chance of thunderstorms later next week.

**Smoke:** Smoke continues to impact surrounding communities. Smoke monitors have been installed in Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, and at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautions. A smoke outlook report for the Indios Fire is available online at the links below. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

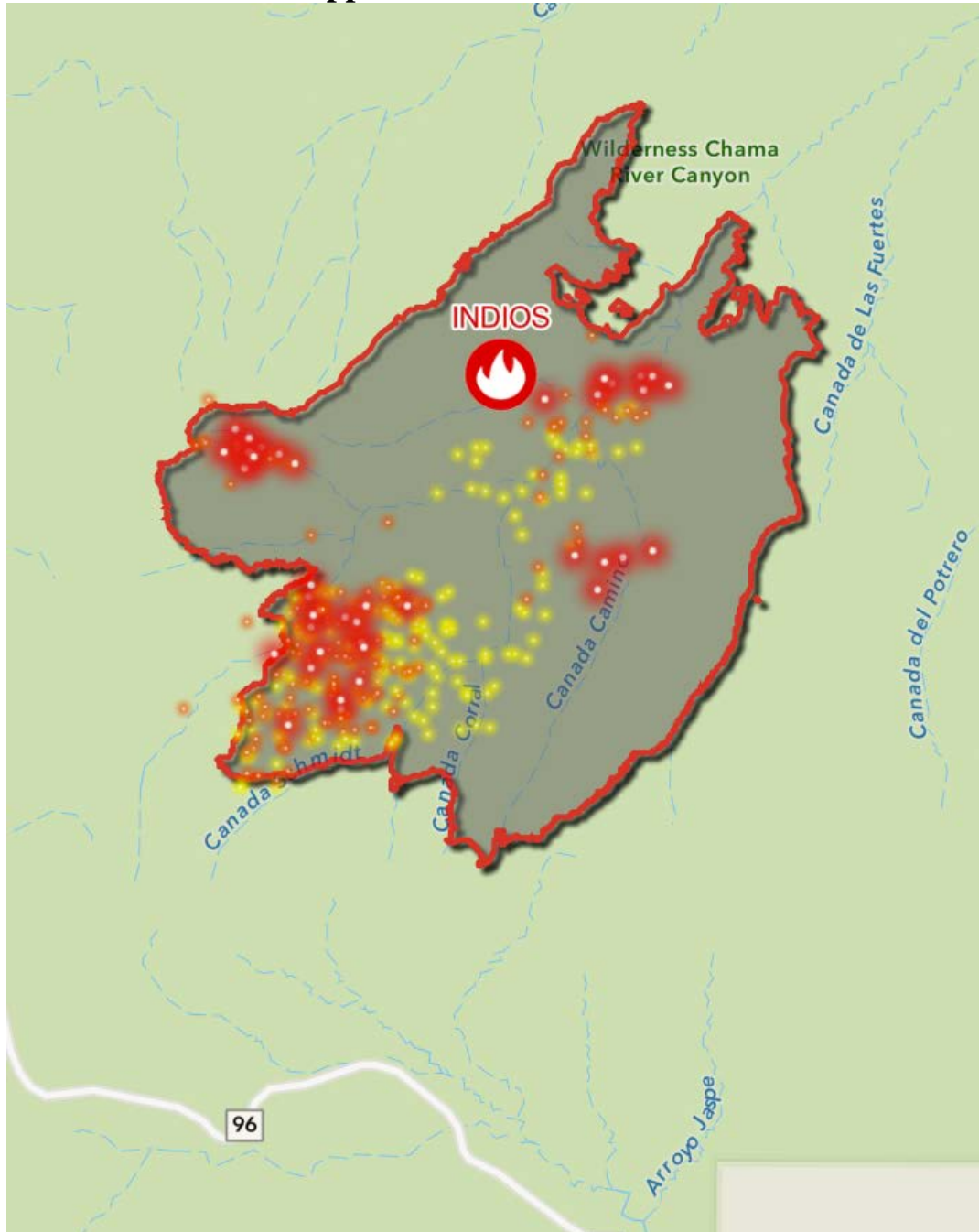
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**Safety:** A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the area, which includes uncrewed aircraft systems or drones. More information on the dangers drones pose to wildland firefighting aircraft and personnel on the ground can be found at: <https://uas.nifc.gov/>.

**More information:** Safety: A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the area, which includes uncrewed aircraft systems or drones. More information on the dangers drones pose to wildland firefighting aircraft and personnel on the ground can be found at: <https://uas.nifc.gov/>.

June 3, 2024

Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-06-03 114219



## Indios Fire Update - June 3, 2024

Release Date: Jun 7, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 4

AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Winds and warm temperatures test the Indios Fire Daily Update – Monday, June 3, 2024

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 689

Completion: 59%

Fuels: Timber

**Highlights:** Increased winds and drier air caused the fire to spread through interior unburned pockets within the northern and southern areas of the fire perimeter. Despite these conditions, the overall acreage of the Indios Fire decreased from the previous day due to more accurate mapping of the incident, and firefighters increased completion of operational objectives to 59%.

**Operations:** Yesterday, crews continued to strengthen firelines by masticating and chipping vegetation along the northwest and western perimeters of the fire area. Masticating vegetation is a forest management tool that involves reducing the size of forest vegetation and downed material by grinding, shredding, chunking, or chopping it. Firefighters also continued to cut and pile downed trees and extinguish any burning material along the northwest and southern control lines. Firefighters used heavy equipment to grade roads along the northwest perimeter while other crews worked to connect Forest Road 77 into the natural rock bluffs along the southwestern border of the fire. Engines continued to patrol the Corrales Ranch to prevent fire spread toward the property. Firefighters completed surveys to inform the structure protection plans for residences south of the fire. Today, fire managers anticipate that the fire will continue to actively consume fuels in the interior pockets of the fire perimeter. As these pockets of unburned fuel become smaller, the chances of a spark being carried by surface winds and starting a new fire is expected to decrease. Crews will continue to monitor and reinforce firelines, and helicopters will be available to support firefighters on the ground if the need arises.

**Weather:** Today's weather will be similar to yesterday but with lighter winds and slightly warmer temperatures. These warmer, drier conditions will continue to extend burn periods later

into the evening. An increased chance of showers and thunderstorms is anticipated later this week.

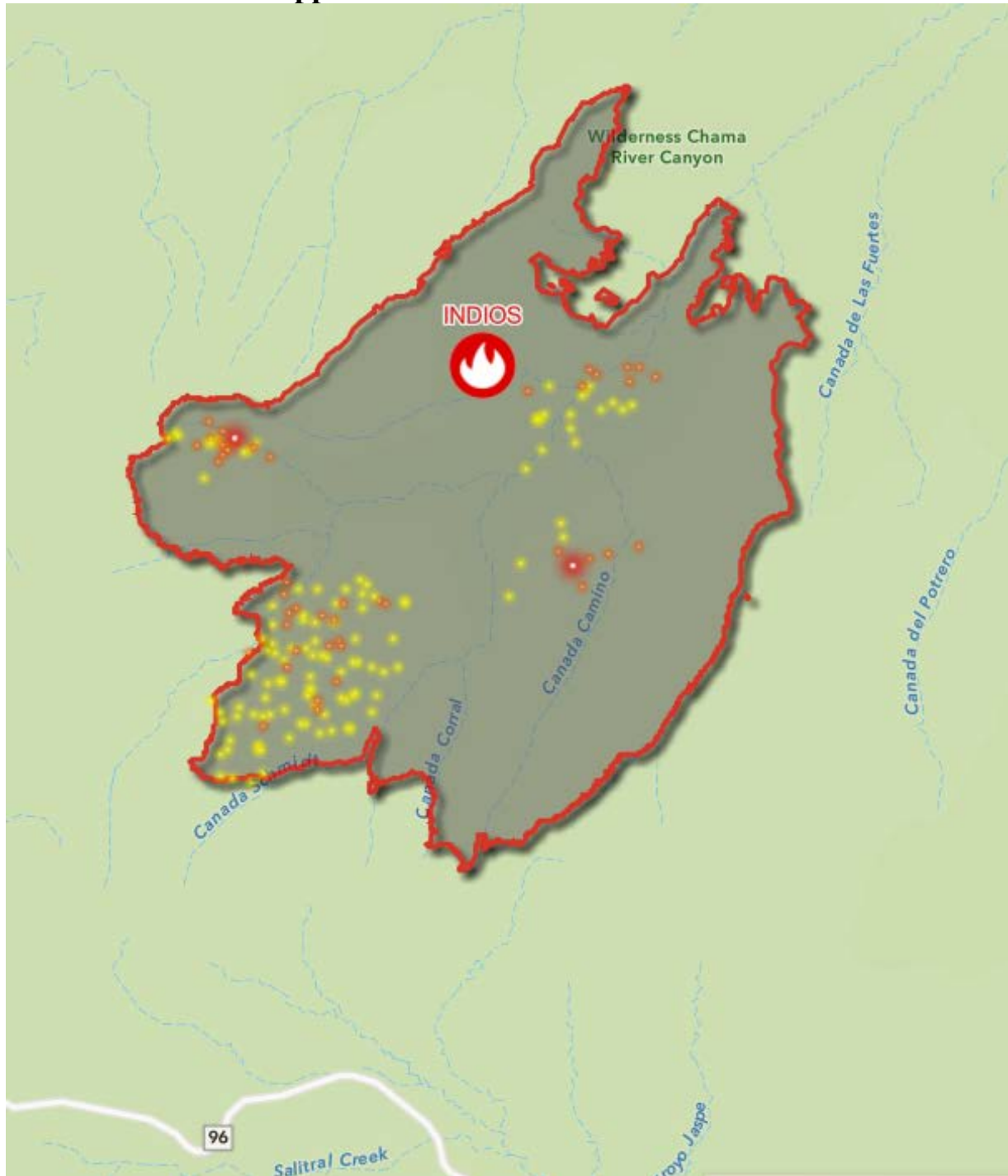
**Smoke:** Smoke continues to impact surrounding communities. Smoke monitors have been installed in Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, and the Abiquiu Dam. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautions. A smoke outlook report for the Indios Fire is available online at the links below. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

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June 4, 2024

Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-06-04 132222



## Indios Fire Update - June 4, 2024

Release Date: Jun 7, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 4

AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Indios Fire experiences no growth over last 24 hours Daily Update – Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 594

Completion: 66%

Fuels: Timber

**Highlights:** The acreage of the Indios Fire remains unchanged from yesterday, and crews successfully reached 66% completion of operational objectives. Decreased winds and lower fire activity resulted in diminished smoke impacts to surrounding communities. Due to the successful placement and reinforcement of control lines along the southwestern perimeter of the fire, the Rio Arriba Sheriff's Office downgraded the Corrales Ranch area from “set” to “ready” status yesterday.

**Operations:** On the northwest edge of the fire perimeter, firefighters continued to travel back and forth along the control lines to identify any actions needed to prevent fire spread, suppress spot fires, or extinguish hot spots. Crews monitored the fire area to assess fire effects, observe fire behavior, and evaluate progress toward meeting incident objectives. Fire behavior specialists noted that the fire is currently smoldering and creeping with a low flame within the fire perimeter. As fire slowly consumes vegetation in the interior, overall fire activity decreases each day. Firefighters conducted chipping operations along the western portion of fire, then finished work on Forest Road 64. Around the southern edge of the fire near the private property, firefighters mopped up hot spots, secured the handline, and patrolled along Forest Road 77. Today, firefighters will continue chipping cut vegetation into small wood chips and scattering them to lessen the potential for ignition along roads. As primary firelines continue to hold the main fire, crews are strengthening contingency lines to provide secondary reinforcements in the event of further fire growth.

**Weather:** Today's temperatures will be similar to yesterday. A low-pressure system from the west is expected to bring high clouds and a slight increase in wind speeds. High temperatures increase Wednesday and Thursday with the hottest temperatures of the year so far. Chances for showers and thunderstorms will increase Thursday through the weekend with the danger of strong gusty outflow winds near any storms.

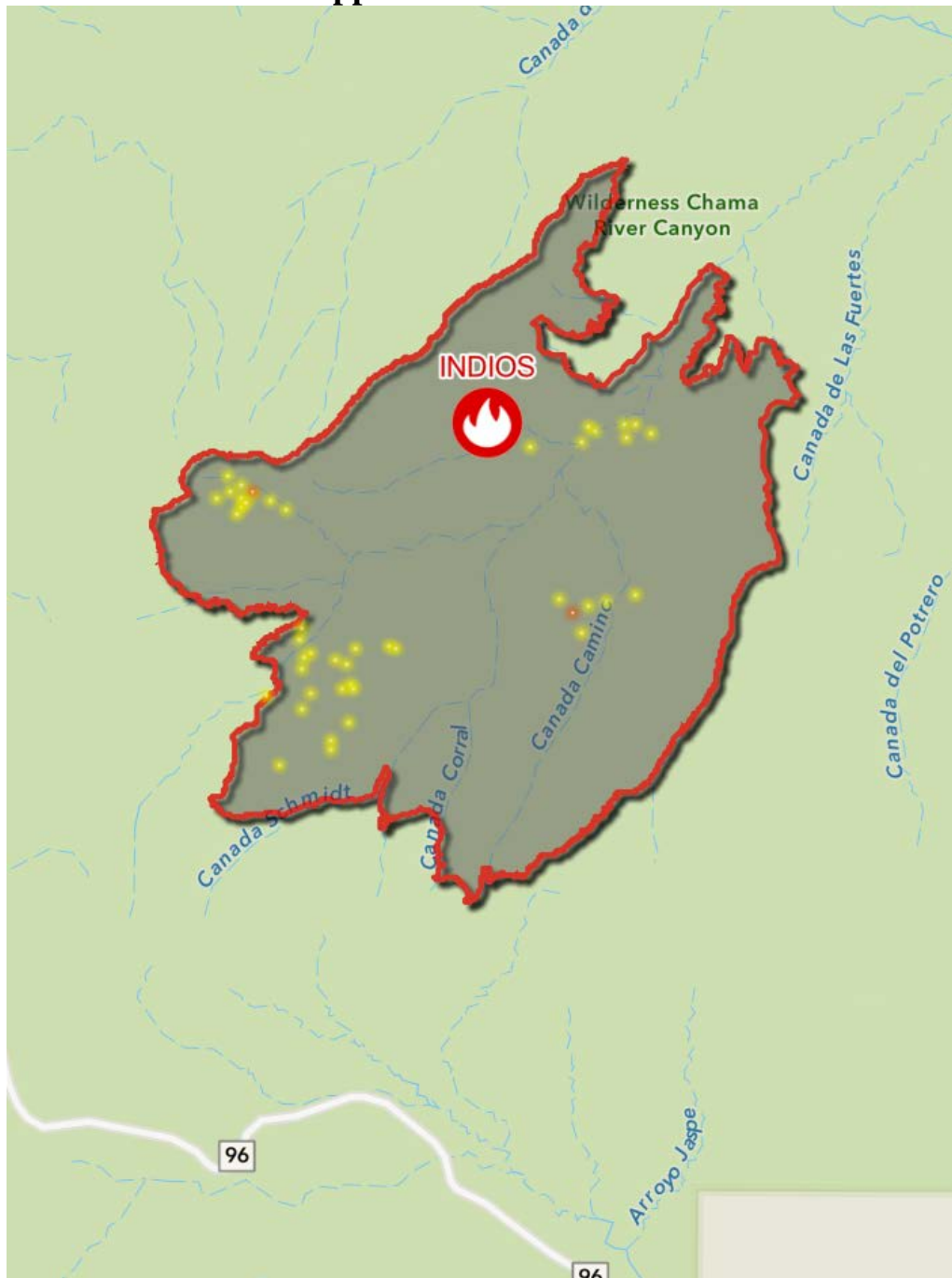
**Smoke:** Smoke continues to impact surrounding communities. Smoke monitors have been installed in Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, and the Abiquiu Dam. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautions. A smoke outlook report for the Indios Fire is available online at the links below. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

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**June 5, 2024**

**Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-06-05 155808**



## Indios Fire Update - June 5, 2024

Release Date: Jun 7, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 4

AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

As fire activity decreases, crews focus on repair Daily Update – Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 564

Completion: 66%

Fuels: Timber

**Highlights:** After continued efforts by firefighters, the Indios Fire remains at 11,500 acres. Firefighters have started to conduct suppression repair around the footprint of the fire, cleaning up and repairing disturbances from firefighting activities.

**Operations:** As fire activity continues to decrease, crews are focusing on repairing impacts from fire management activities across the fire area. Yesterday, on the northwest area of the fire, prep work consisted of hand cutting “ladder fuels” including branches and limbs of trees that could potentially carry fire from the ground to the canopies. Firefighters are continuing chipping operations along Forest Roads 169E and 64A to reduce the vegetation that was previously cut by fire crews. An uncrewed aircraft system, or drone, flew over the western portion of the fire along Forest Road 64 and identified a few isolated pockets of heat within the perimeter. Following this discovery, crews were sent in to locate and extinguish these hot spots. On Forest Road 77, crews continued to use machinery to cut vegetation into small wood chips and “mop up” burning material near control lines. These activities also included felling fire-damaged trees and cooling ash pits to ensure no heat remains. Along the eastern edge of the fire, crews continue to patrol and secure the perimeter. Water support crews assisted the ground crews with dust abatement and backhauled one of the 10,000-gallon portable water tanks that was no longer needed due to decreased fire activity. As firefighters complete chipping activities around the fire, crews will shift to areas where resources are most needed.

**Weather:** Strong high pressure will start to build over New Mexico today with much warmer temperatures through Saturday. Surface moisture will decrease through Thursday and then

increase. Mid-level moisture will begin to increase Thursday with increasing chances for showers and thunderstorms through the weekend. Strong gusty outflow winds are possible near any storms.

**Smoke:** Visible smoke is diminishing in the area as fire activity decreases. Smoke monitors have been installed in Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, and the Abiquiu Dam. A smoke outlook report for the Indios Fire is available online at the links below. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

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# June 6, 2024

## Indios Fire Update - June 6, 2024

Release Date: Jun 7, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 4

AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Indios Fire acreage remains unchanged Daily Update – Thursday, June 6, 2024

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 478 Completion: 86%

Fuels: Timber

Highlights: Completion has increased to 86% today as crews make more progress toward meeting the objectives for the Indios Fire. Suppression repair activities continue across the fire area, with a focus on the northwest side. The incident management team will provide another opportunity for the public to meet with fire managers and ask questions about the Indios Fire at an open house on Sunday, June 9, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the lecture hall at the Coronado High School, 1903 NM-96, Gallina, NM.

Operations: Crews continued repair activities yesterday as other firefighters patrolled for any remaining hot spots. After conducting a grid search along the perimeter, no areas of concern were identified. Chipping and grading activities were completed along Forest Roads 64 and 77 while work continued along Forest Road 169E. Minimal heat remains on the west side where the fire temporarily crossed the line last week before crews successfully stopped the spread. Hoses will be left in place for the next few days to support continued efforts in that area. Crews surveyed between Forest Roads 42 and 77 and found no remaining hot spots. As a result, hoses and other water infrastructure that are no longer needed were removed from that area.

Firefighters have completed their assessment of structures to the south and developed a structure protection plan to assist residents in the event of a future fire in the area. With the completion of this assessment, these crews are now being reassigned to respond to any potential new fire starts near the Indios Fire. Due to successful firefighting efforts, the Rio Arriba Sheriff's Department has lifted the "Ready" status from the Corrales Ranch. Air operations are beginning to release

their resources to support other fires in the region. Currently, two helicopters remain on the Indios Fire, down from seven helicopters at the peak of the fire activity. Today, chipping will continue along Forest Road 169E as crews remain vigilant for any new wildfire starts.

**Weather:** Today will bring the highest temperatures of the year thus far. Some scattered thunderstorms may form over the fire area, as the chance of rain increases over the weekend. Strong gusty winds up to 20 miles per hour are possible near any storms.

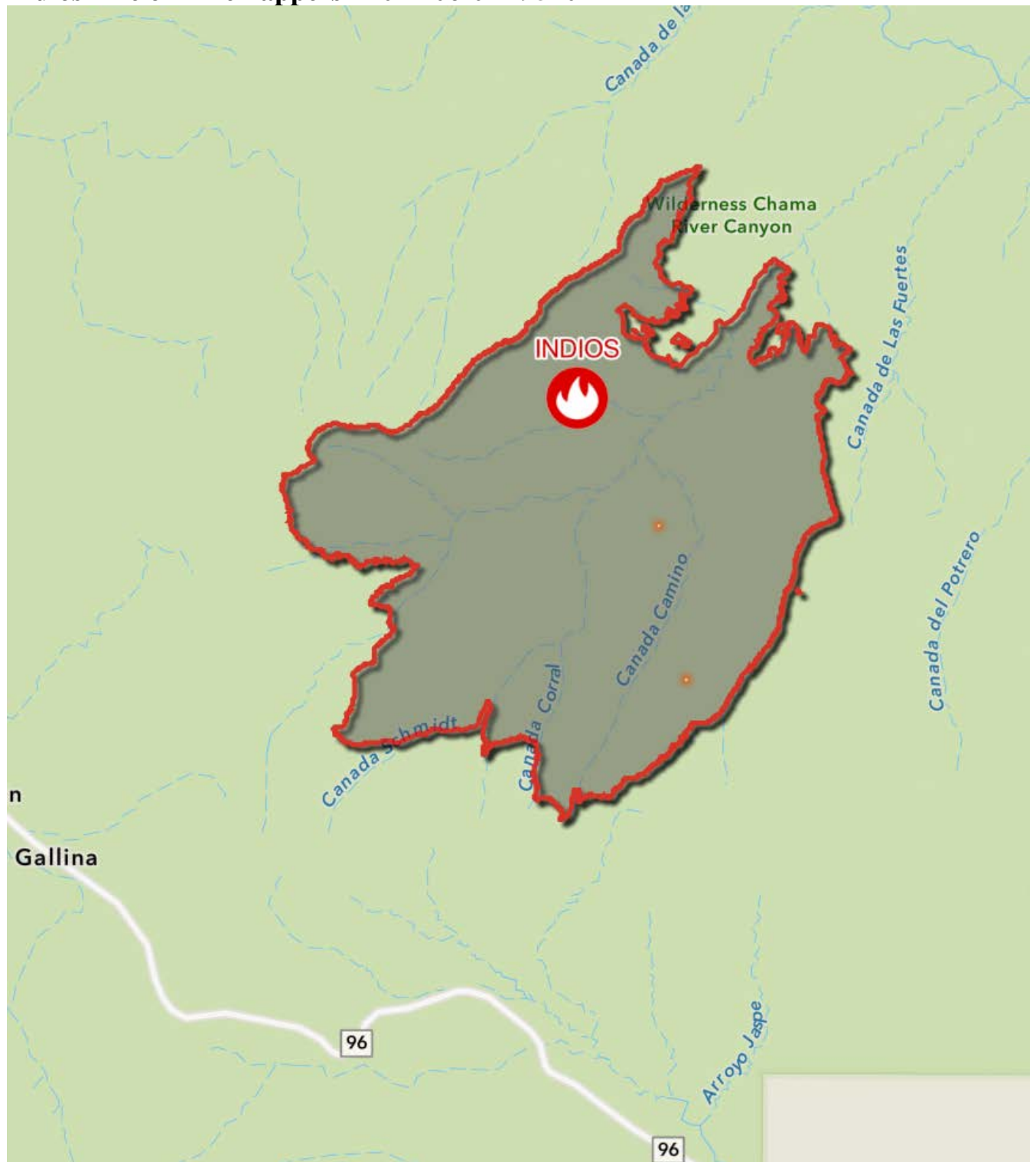
**Smoke:** Minimal smoke impacts are expected for the foreseeable future. Light dispersed visible smoke will diminish over the next few days. Smoke sensors have been installed and will remain in the communities of Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, and at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. The final smoke outlook report for the Indios Fire is available online at the links below. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

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June 7, 2024

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## Indios Fire Update - June 7, 2024

Release Date: Jun 7, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 4

AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Resources shift as repair activities continue Daily Update – Friday, June 7, 2024

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 415 Completion: 86%

Fuels: Timber

Highlights: Completion remains at 86% today as crews continue repair and mop-up activities around the fire perimeter. Suppression repair activities are focused on the northwestern fire area where the majority of firefighting actions were implemented. As firefighters complete suppression repair along the western flank, crews are being redistributed to other areas to support ongoing chipping operations.

Operations: As the fire activity diminishes, crews continue to patrol and monitor the fire perimeter to search for any remaining hot spots. Firefighters continued repair activities on the western side where the fire temporarily crossed the line last week before crews successfully stopped the spread. Yesterday, smoke was visible on the western side of the fire perimeter. Crews were sent to the area to investigate on the ground while an uncrewed aircraft system, also known as a drone, assisted the search by air. Firefighters determined that the source of the smoke was an interior pocket of unburned green vegetation inside the fire control lines. Due to its location, firefighters determined that the smoldering fire posed no threat to the control lines. Further south along the western flank, chipping and grading activities were completed on Forest Roads 64 and 77 near Corrales Ranch. These crews then shifted to address repair and chipping needs on Forest Roads 64A and 467. A large chipping operation is ongoing along these roads to ensure that all cut brush is removed or reduced to small wood chips to minimize the likelihood of future ignition. Firefighters who completed structure assessments for residents south of the fire have now been reassigned to respond to any potential new fire starts near the Indios Fire. Crews from the eastern side of the fire will be redistributed to other areas to assist in suppression repair, including backhauling equipment and installing water bars along handlines to minimize erosion.

Weather: Mid-level cloud cover will move into the area today; however, temperatures remain high and humidity values remain low. Scattered thunderstorms may form to the east with a chance for outflow winds and rain over the fire. Much better chances for showers and thunderstorms are expected on Sunday and Monday with possible wetting rains. Strong gusty winds are possible near any storms.

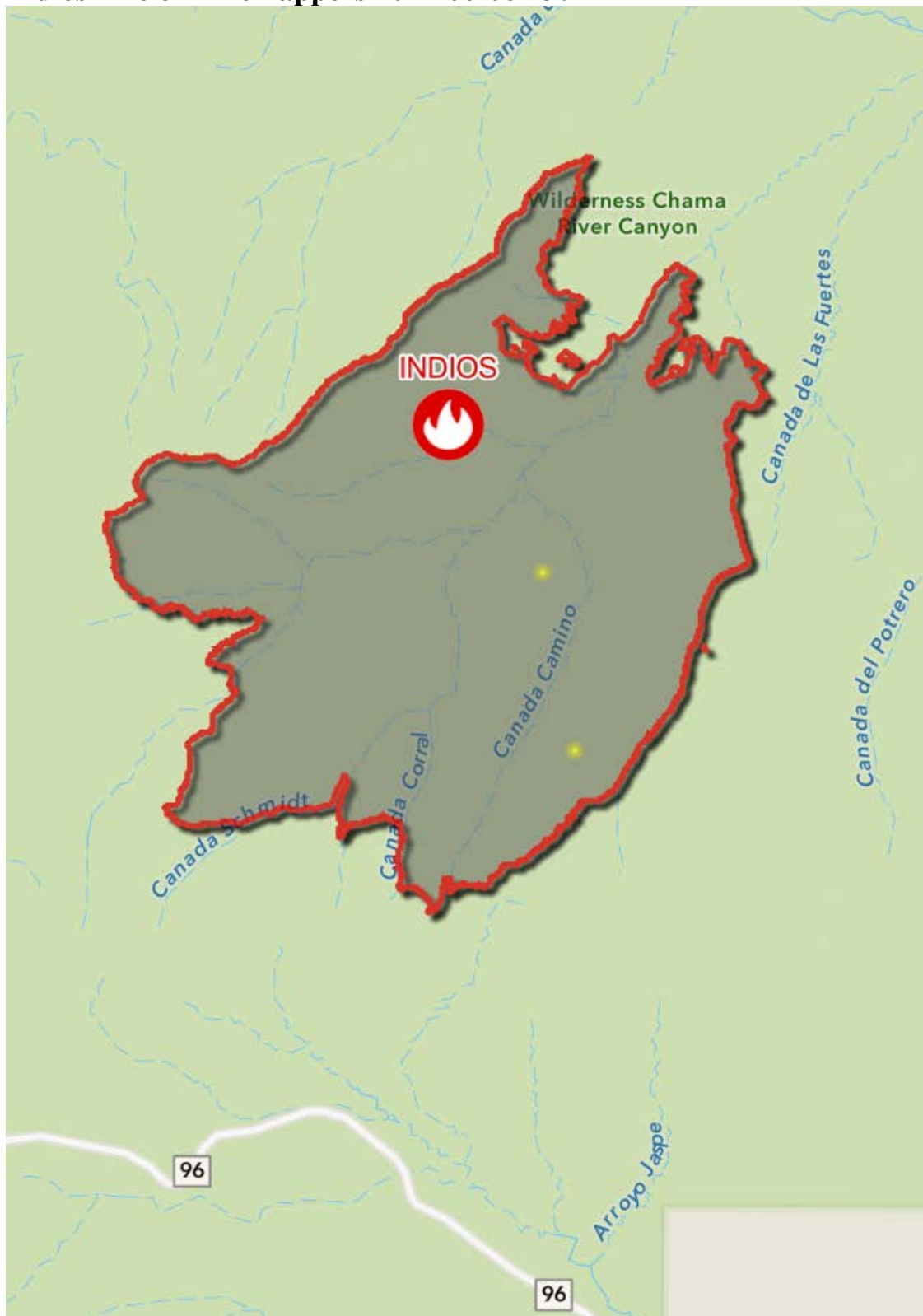
Smoke: Minimal smoke impacts are expected for the foreseeable future. Light dispersed visible smoke will diminish over the next few days. Smoke sensors have been installed and will remain in the communities of Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, and at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

Closures: The Santa Fe National Forest has issued an emergency area closure for the Indios Fire. The full closure order (No. 03-12-05-23-22) and map are available on Inciweb. Camping and water will be available at the Coyote Ranger Station for Continental Divide Trail hikers impacted by this closure. Safety: A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in place over the area, which includes uncrewed aircraft systems or drones. More information on the dangers drones pose to wildland firefighting aircraft and personnel on the ground can be found at: <https://uas.nifc.gov/>.

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## **Indios Fire Update - June 8, 2024**

Release Date: Jun 8, 2024

Southwest Area Incident Management Team TEAM 4

AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Light precipitation falls over the Indios Fire  
Daily Update – Saturday, June 8, 2024

Actualización diaria – sábado 8 de junio de 2024

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 334; Completion: 86%

Fuels: Timber

### **Highlights**

The Indios Fire was relatively quiet yesterday as it continued to smolder and creep across the forest floor, consuming fuels near the control lines. Cloud cover lingered over the fire area as humidity levels remained high, with portions of the fire receiving light rain. As a result, the fire produced very little smoke yesterday.

### **Public Meeting**

The incident management team will provide a second opportunity for the public to meet with fire managers and ask questions about the Indios Fire at an open house on Sunday, June 9, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the lecture hall at the Coronado High School, 1903 NM-96, Gallina, NM

### **Operations**

Yesterday, crews completed repairs of the dozer line near Forest Road 473 and used a grader to make improvements to Forest Road 8. Firefighters completed chipping along both sides of Forest Road 64A and continued chipping along Forest Road 169E. Along the southwestern perimeter of the fire area, crews completed repairs to handlines and conducted chipping activities where needed. Firefighters patrolled the southeastern perimeter to ensure there was no remaining heat along the control lines.

Road closure signage was added on Forest Road 77 and fire managers assessed needs on Forest Road 170 for drainage and erosion improvements. Air operations flew a reconnaissance mission

using an uncrewed aircraft system, or drone, to assist Resource Advisors with monitoring the effects of the fire on the Continental Divide Trail. Firefighters assigned to the initial attack group remain ready to respond to any new fire starts in the area, in preparation for incoming storms this weekend.

## Weather

- Today, the fire area will experience higher temperatures and drier air than yesterday and, although the chance for precipitation is reduced, there is still a slight chance for showers and thunderstorms again today.
- The chance of precipitation increases again on Sunday, and temperatures should be cooler.
- By Monday, more cloud cover, lower temperatures, and a higher chance of precipitation are anticipated.
- The area should experience warmer and drier conditions next Tuesday through Thursday.

## Smoke

Minimal smoke impacts are expected for the foreseeable future. Light dispersed visible smoke will diminish over time. Smoke sensors have been installed and will remain in the communities of Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, and at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. View an [interactive smoke map](#) and learn more about [smoke impacts](#).

## Closures

The Santa Fe National Forest has issued an emergency area closure for the Indios Fire. The full closure order (No. 03-12-05-23-22) and map are available on [InciWeb](#).

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## Safety

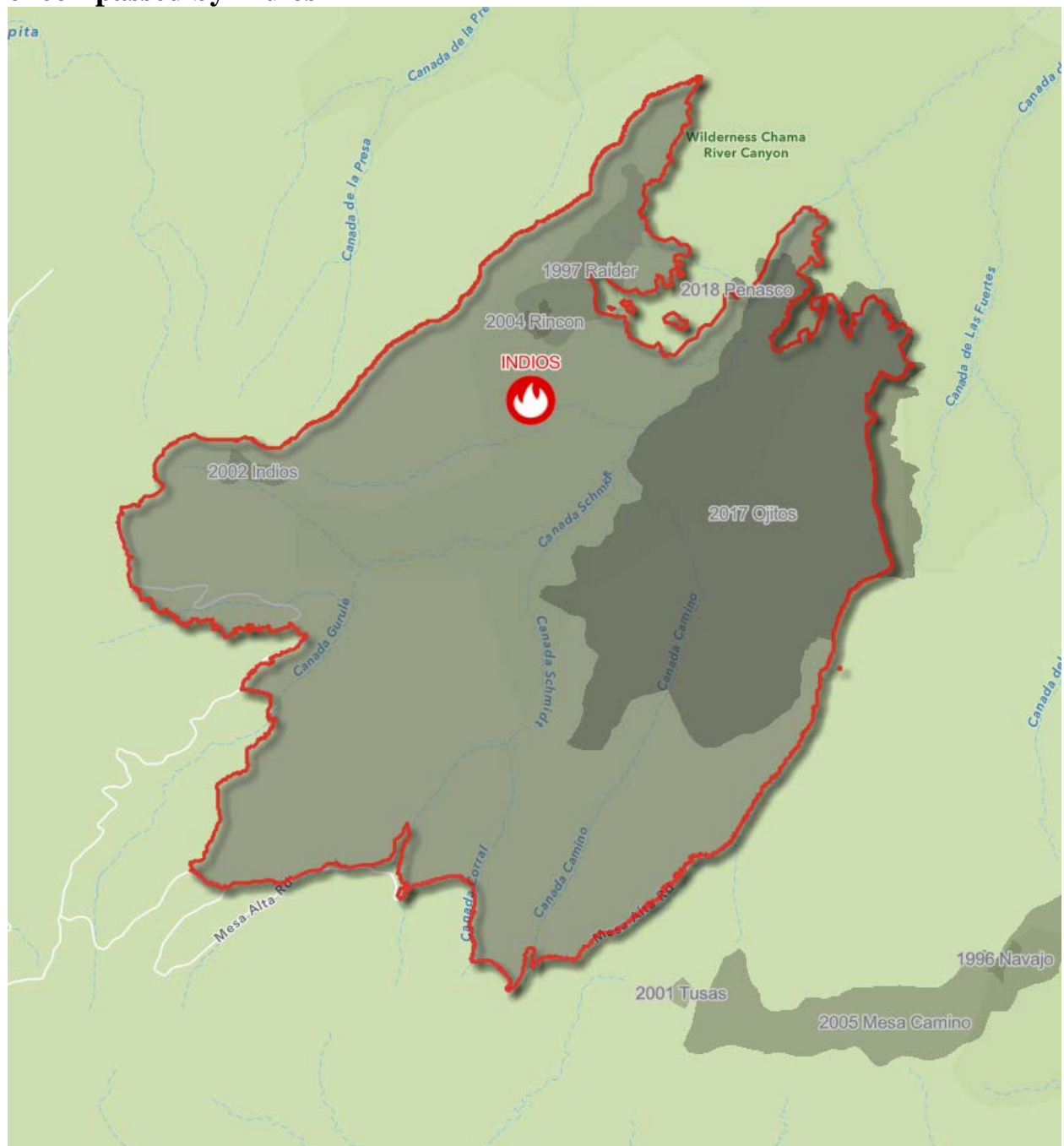
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**June 9, 2024**

**Indios Fire on Firemappers 2024-06-09 132120, showing 2017 Ojitos Fire footprint encompassed by Indios**



## Indios Fire Update - June 9, 2024

Release Date: Jun 11, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 4 – AARON HULBURD – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Northern New Mexico Incident Management Team to assume command of the Indios Fire Daily Update – Sunday, June 9, 2024

[Actualización diaria – lunes 9 de junio de 2024](#)

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 321

Completion: 86%

Fuels: Timber

Highlights: At 7:00 AM on Monday, June 10, the Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4 will transfer command of the Indios Fire to the Northern New Mexico Incident Management Team, led by Incident Commander Luke McLarty. Team 4 extends its sincere thanks to the local communities for their support, gratitude, and hospitality throughout this incident. Due to successful firefighting efforts, 86% of objectives are now complete, and resources are either demobilizing to return to their home units or reassigning to assist other wildfires across the country. As a result of decreased fire activity, written updates will now be provided every other day moving forward. Prior to their departure, Team 4 will host a public open house tonight, Sunday, June 9, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the lecture hall at the Coronado High School, 1903 NM-96, Gallina, NM.

Operations: The Indios Fire has now reached the point where the percentage of completion (objectives for confinement, point protection, and monitoring) and containment (where the fire can be reasonably expected to stop spreading) are in alignment and no further fire growth is expected. While these percentages now align at 86%, progress will continue to be reported in terms of percent completion throughout the incident. The remaining 14% is not officially reported as contained because no control measures are in place on the northern end of the fire

due to steep, inaccessible terrain in the Chama River Canyon Wilderness. Fire managers expect little to no fire spread in this area due to the limited vegetation and rocky terrain. Large logs and stumps continue to smolder in some areas, but most lighter fuels have been consumed in the interior. Firefighters completed repair and chipping work on Forest Roads 64 and 169. On the west side, crews continued road repairs using graders and bulldozers, and installed water bars to minimize erosion. The southern and eastern sides of the fire remained quiet as crews conducted their daily patrols. Air operations conducted a reconnaissance flight early yesterday to familiarize the incoming Incident Management Team with areas of interest across the fire.

**Weather:** Today, a high pressure system to the east will push thunderstorms towards the fire area. With the increased chance of thunderstorms, temperatures should be lower and humidity values higher than the previous day. Lower temperatures and greater chances of thunderstorms are anticipated for Monday. Conditions are forecasted to be warm and dry through the remainder of the week.

**Smoke:** Minimal smoke impacts are expected for the foreseeable future. Light dispersed visible smoke will diminish over time. Smoke sensors have been installed and will remain in the communities of Coyote, Gallina, Cañones, and at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. View an [interactive smoke map](#) and [learn more about smoke impacts](#).

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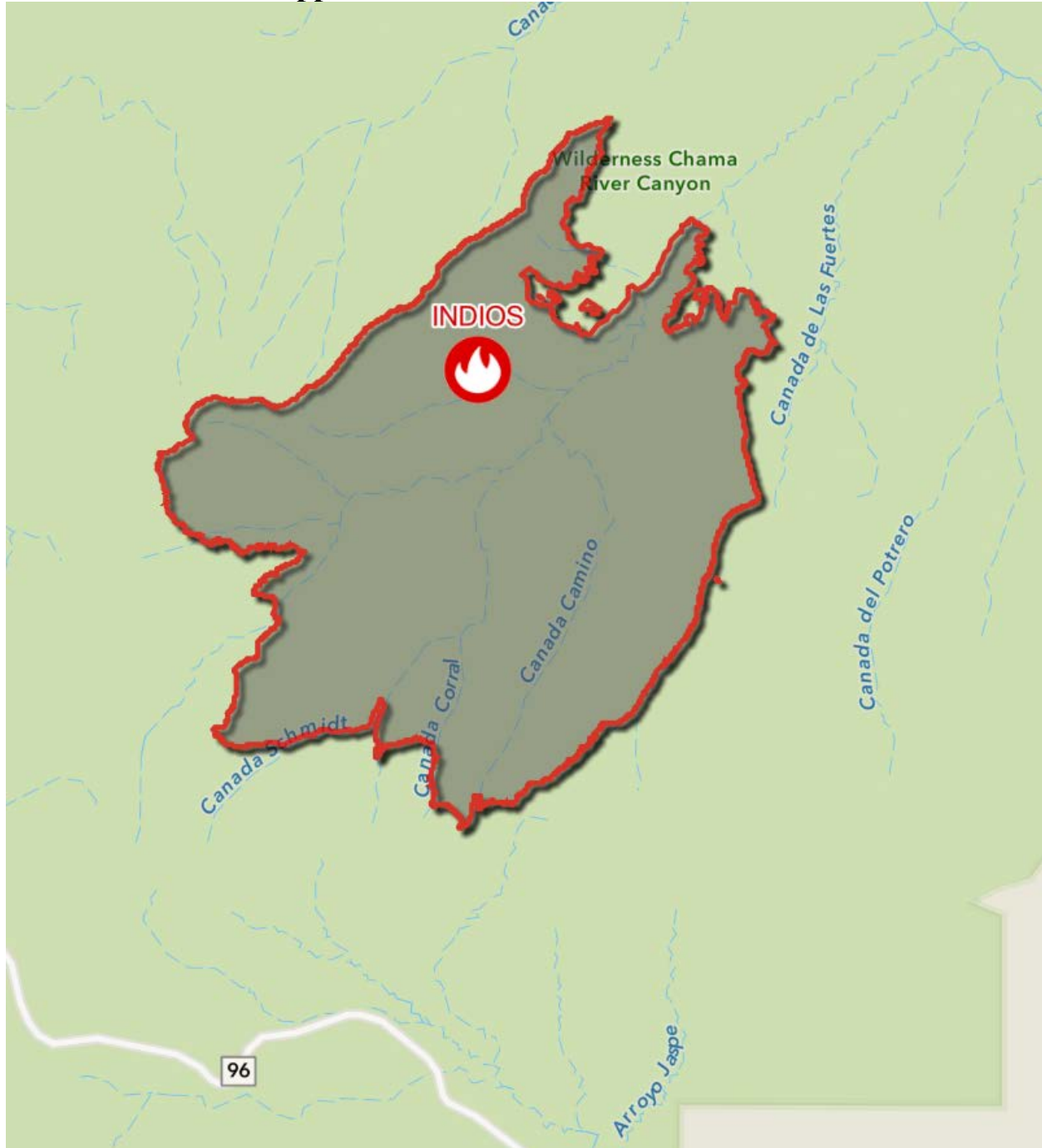
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**(no June 10 update from US Forest Service)**

## Indios Fire Daily Update - June 11, 2024

Release Date: Jun 11, 2024

Contact(s): [Indios Fire Information](#)

Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team

LUKE MCLARTY – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Daily Update – Tuesday, June 11, 2024

[Actualización diaria – Martes 11 de junio de 2024](#)

Acres: 11,500

Start Date: May 19, 2024

Location: 7 miles north of the village of Coyote, NM

Personnel: 186

Completion: 86%

Fuels: Timber

Highlights: The Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management team, led by Incident Commander Luke McLarty, took command of the Indios Fire on Monday, June 10, from the Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4. The Northern New Mexico team is comprised of members from the Santa Fe National Forest and surrounding areas. They had command of the fire for the first several days of the incident before transitioning to the SWIMT 4. The type 3 team will now finish suppression repair work, mop up and cool interior hot spots, and assess the Continental Divide Trail to determine the next steps in getting it opened back up.

Due to successful firefighting efforts, 86% of objectives are complete, and many resources are either demobilizing to return to their home units or reassigning to assist other wildfires across the country. As a result of decreased fire activity, written updates will now be provided every other day moving forward.

Operations: Today, Forest personnel will conduct a reconnaissance of the Continental Divide Trail from top to bottom of the closed portion to determine what is needed to make it safe to open it back up to hikers. Hydrologists will assess the burn area to decide what repairs and rehabilitation work may be needed to protect the watershed.

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Fire personnel, including firefighters, heavy equipment operators and Forest personnel continue with suppression repair work. This includes repairing roads and firelines, installing water bars, seeding disturbed areas, chipping, and cutting down trees that pose a hazard (snags) along roads and trails.

Weather: Today, the skies will clear, and temperatures will rise. A spot shower or thunderstorm moving southeast from the Tusas Mountains north of the burn location is unlikely to hit the burn area directly, but gusty outflow winds could impact the area in the afternoon and early evening.

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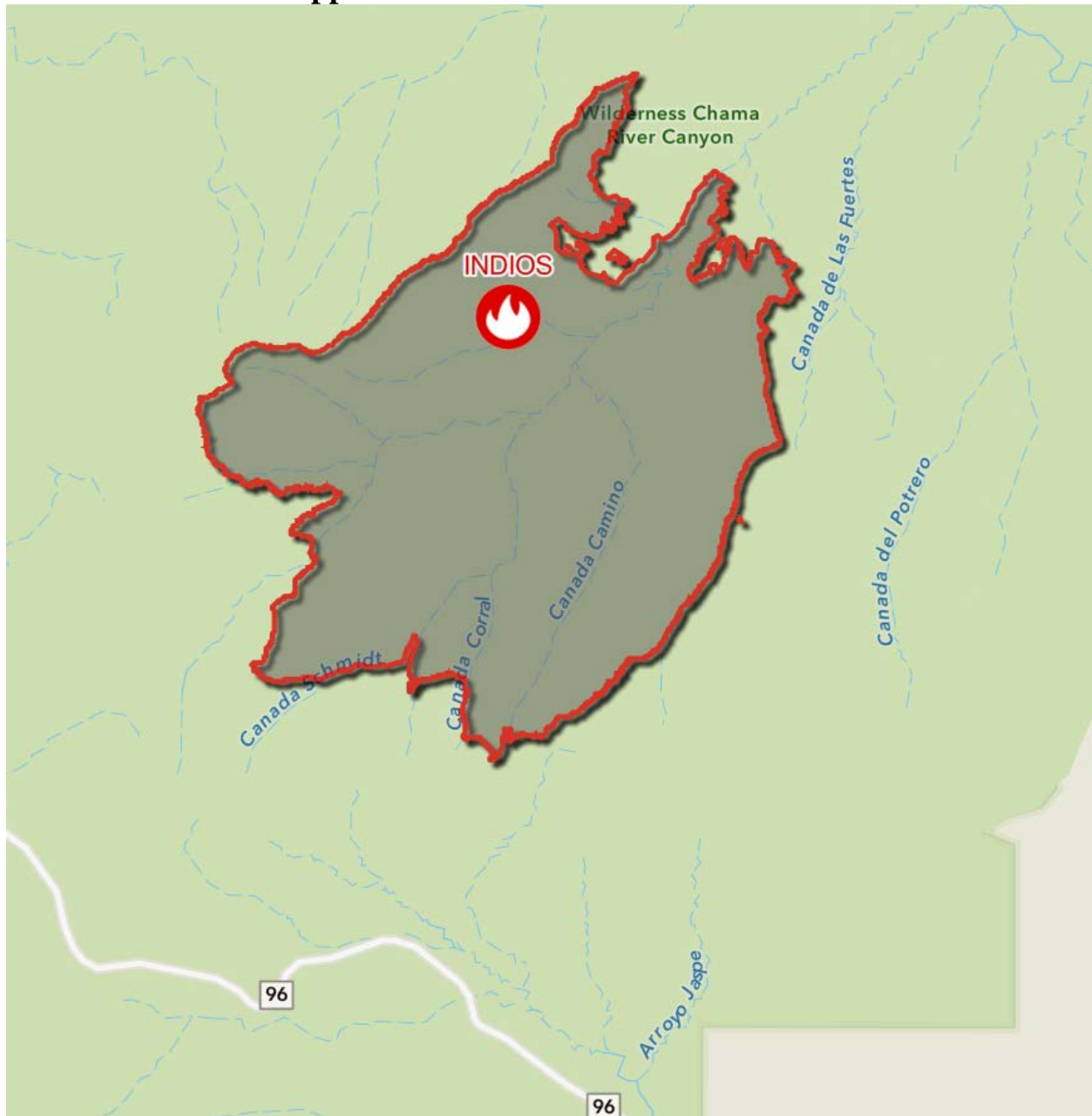
Closures: A Santa Fe National Forest emergency area closure is in place for the Indios Fire. The full closure order (No. 03-10-01-24-04) and map are available on [Inciweb](#). Perimeter modifications to the closure order were made on Monday, June 10. Camping and water are available at the Coyote Ranger Station for Continental Divide Trail hikers impacted by this closure.

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## Indios Fire Daily Update - June 11, 2024

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Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team

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