

# CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST



# FACT SHEET

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## Wednesday, August 15, 2012 – 8:30 AM Fire Update

**Magdalena Ranger District: (575) 854-2281**

**HOLDUP Fire:** Detected **8/11/2012** and located west of San Mateo Canyon approximately 45 miles southwest of Magdalena, New Mexico. The fire is currently 200 acres, and is located in extremely steep and rugged terrain burning in ponderosa pine, grass and juniper. There are no structures threatened.

The fire area received moderate precipitation yesterday. Crews made good progress securing a fire line around the south and east side of the fire. Today's operations call for reinforcing containment lines and patrolling along the fire line. The objective is to hold the fire to the west end of the San Mateo Canyon drainage.

A total of 25 fire personnel are working the fire, including a hotshot crew, type 6 engine and a fire line EMT.

Cause: Lightning  
Containment: 20%

### **Fire and Smoking Restrictions**

***NO Fire Restrictions are currently in place on the Magdalena Ranger District.***

***For more information about current fire activity on the Magdalena Ranger District Forest, contact the District Fire Information Officer at 575-854-2281 or email: [cwolfe@fs.fed.us](mailto:cwolfe@fs.fed.us) or visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>***

### **Two Kinds of Fire**

**A Wildland Fire** is any non-structure fire that occurs in the wildland. There are two types of wildland fires. They are **wildfires** and **prescribed fires**.

**Wildfires** are unplanned ignitions or *prescribed fires that are declared wildfires*.

Some wildfires that occur naturally, by lightning, can be managed to achieve resource management objectives.

**Prescribed fires** are planned ignitions. They are ignited by management actions to meet specific objectives such as reducing hazardous fuel (brush, pine needles, etc) accumulations to prevent or reduce the intensity of a wildfire.

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