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Update #3 Fire Fighters Searching for Possible Starts After Area Lighting Storm

Mountainair, NM - June 3, 2013, 10am: A severe lightning storm passed over the Manzano and Gallinas Mountains yesterday afternoon. Firefighters and lookouts are currently searching for any possible fires that may have started during this lighting storm. Aircraft is also patrolling over the Manzano and Gallinas Mountains.

As of this update, 2 fires have been found.:

- **Pack Trail Fire** on the west side of the Manzano Mountains, to the east of Meadow Lake. Single engine air tankers and Smoke Jumpers have been ordered because of the very steep, rugged terrain. This fire is approximately 2/10 of an acre in size.
- **Bosque Fire** is along Bosque Trail on the east side of the Manzano Mountains. This fire is about 1/10 of an acre and has been lined. Firefighters will continue mopping up hot spots. The West Manzano Fire was found and contained yesterday evening by the Torreon Volunteer Fire Department and Forest Service Personnel.

At least 6 engines along with Capilla and Gallinas Lookouts continue to search for new smokes. Additional engines include Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM and New Mexico State Forestry. More information on any fires will be sent out as soon as it becomes available.

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