

CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST



FACT SHEET

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SAWMILL Fire: Detected **6/23/2012** and located approximately 3 miles southeast of Magdalena Ridge Observatory/Langmuir Lab and approximately 13 miles south of Magdalena, New Mexico. The fire is currently **104 acres** located in extremely steep and rugged terrain with minimal fire behavior – smoldering in mixed conifer and through rock crevices. Containment is at **88%**. No structures are threatened. **Forest Road 235 is closed** to the Magdalena Ridge Observatory/Langmuir Lab is closed to the public but is open to Fire and MRO/LL personnel only.

TOOL BOX Fire: Detected **6/28/2012** and is located 30 miles southwest of Magdalena and 5 miles south of the Grassy lookout, near the Apache Kid Wilderness. The fire is located in steep and rugged terrain with minimal fire behavior – creeping and moldering in mixed conifer. The fire is **4 acres** in size and **100% contained**.

Fire and Smoking Restrictions:

Stage I and Stage II Fire Restrictions are currently in place on the Magdalena Ranger District. The Magdalena Mountains, Bear and Gallinas Mountains are in Stage I Fire Restrictions, while the San Mateo and Datil Mountains are in Stage II Fire Restrictions. Fire restrictions can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola> and <http://nmfireinfo.com>.

For more information about current fire activity on the Magdalena Ranger District Forest, contact Cindy Wolfe, District Fire Information Officer at 575-854-2281.

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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.