

# Wildfire Information

EMNRD-FORESTRY DIVISION



**Incident Name: Big Hole**

**Start Date & Time: 04/11/2022 1330**

**Start Location: Belen Bosque North of River Road**

**Latitude: 34.6648**

**Longitude: -106.7469**

**Cause of Fire: UNKNOWN**

**Area Vegetation: Bosque**

**Estimated Acres Burned: 60+**

**Ownership(s): State and private**

**Structures Threatened: Yes**

**Structures Burned: Yes**

**Evacuations: Yes**

The Big Hole Fire is located in the community of Belen in Valencia County. The fire is burning on both sides of the Rio Grande north of River Road and threatening at least two homes according to the Valencia County Fire Department. Evacuations have been ordered by local law enforcement and road closures are in place. The fire was first reported at about 1:30 p.m. this afternoon. It is currently estimated at 60 acres and 0% contained. Gusting winds, low humidity, and drought conditions are impacting fire activity. Numerous resources are at the scene with more crews on the way. This is an evolving incident and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

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Individuals sensitive to wildfire smoke should take precautions and use the New Mexico Department of Health 5-3-1 Visibility Method to determine if it's safe to be outside. Learn more at

<https://nmtracking.org/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html>.

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