

Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team

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Roundabout Complex Update - June 27, 2025

HUSLIA, AK – June 27, 2025 – The Northern New Mexico Incident Management Team assumed command of the Roundabout Complex yesterday and have established an Incident Command Post at the Jimmy Huntington School in Huslia. Fire managers are implementing a full suppression strategy of this 13,888-acre complex that prioritizes point protection around critical values.

Moldy Fire (#279) – As the largest fire in the complex at approximately 11,336 acres, fire managers are currently assessing protection strategies of Alaska Native allotments and structures. Reconnaissance flights completed earlier in the week helped firefighters pinpoint locations for helicopter landing zones, or helispots. These sites will be used to transport firefighters and supplies into the area to support suppression efforts. The fire remains about eight miles southwest of Huslia.

Caribou Fire (#128) – Utilizing direct tactics on this 1,830-acre fire, firefighters have successfully slowed its progression. The Zigzag Hotshot Crew from Mt. Hood, Oregon arrived yesterday and began constructing handline to protect areas of concern near a historic mine site outside Hogatza.

Richards Fire (#251) – Yesterday, crews successfully completed containment of this fire and are shifting priorities to other areas within the complex.

Billy Hawk (#182) and Billy Hawk 2 (#191) remain in monitor status due to the diligence of hardworking firefighters.

Start date: June 15th, 2025

Cause: Lightning
Size: 13,888 acres

Resources: 11 Smokejumpers, 2 type 1 hand crews, 1 type 2 handcrew, 6 Helitak, 1 Medic, 16 Overhead

Total personnel: 97

Fuels: Black Spruce, Tussock, Mixed wood and Hardwood

Values at risk: The Village of Huslia, Alaska Native Allotments, Infrastructure

Smoke: As weather dries and fire increases in size and activity, smoke may be visible from and impact the Village of Huslia. Smoke sensitive populations with specific health issues should limit outside activities during periods of smoke impacts.

Safety: The health and safety of the public and our firefighters is always the highest priority of the NNM IMT.