

Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team

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Roundabout Complex Update - July 13, 2025

HUSLIA, **AK** – The **Moldy Fire** (#279) remains the only active fire within the Roundabout Complex, now totaling 58,102 acres and growing further overnight. Driven by strong northwest winds, the fire pushed southeast throughout the day yesterday, with some additional backing fire to the north.

Moldy Fire (#279) – Fire managers expressed appreciation for the Galena Zone's significant support, which was instrumental in meeting critical suppression objectives. Aircraft were used to defend key infrastructure and protect values at risk, including a communications relay site atop Roundabout Mountain and a communications tower that services the village of Huslia. Mitigation efforts included retardant drops and site preparation. The extended dry spell—now at 17 consecutive days without measurable rain—has created dynamic conditions as crews prioritize protection of allotments at risk. In addition to firefighting operations, fire managers are coordinating with local leadership in Huslia to address a failed main water pump, leaving the community without running water. Incident personnel are working to assist as the village manages this critical situation.

Caribou Fire (#128), Richards Fire (#251), Billy Hawk Fire (#182), and Billy Hawk 2 Fire (#191) – No changes reported. All four fires remain in monitor status with no new activity.

Start date: June 15, 2025 Cause: Lightning Size: 58,102 acres Completion: 11%

Resources: 3 Type 1 hand crews, 1 Medic, 23 Overhead Total personnel: 98

Fuels: Black Spruce, Tussock, Mixed wood, and Hardwood

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

Smoke: As dry weather continues 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 Northern New Mexico IMT.