



Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team

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Roundabout Complex Update – July 16, 2025

HUSLIA, AK – Rain continues to moderate activity on the **Moldy Fire (#279)**, with no new growth in reported 75,083 acres from yesterday. Fire crews directly engaged the fire edge along a southern allotment and advanced protections for an allotment to the north. The incoming Incident Commander is on site assessing needs and conditions ahead of assuming command tomorrow.

Moldy Fire (#279) – Fire managers are using the weather advantage to advance protections for allotments, and to field verify suspected damages. Meanwhile, crews continue to secure and mop up fireline, to reduce the chance of spread upon the return of dry conditions. The failure of a main water pump supplying the village of Huslia remains a challenge fire personnel are assisting with. The community has been completely without water for 5 days. No changes to the evacuation levels were reported.

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: 75,083 acres

Completion: 11%

Resources: 2 Type 1 hand crews, 1 Medic, 9 Helitack 17 Overhead

Total personnel: 84

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

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

Smoke: Wetting rains yesterday and today have reduced smoke activity. Mild, damp conditions are expected to continue into the weekend. 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.