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PREScribed BURN IN THE JEMEZ MOUNTAINS

(JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM)—Late yesterday afternoon, crews completed ignition on the 2000 acre San Juan prescribed burn. The primary objective for the prescribed burn was to protect life and property by reducing the threat of wildfire to the Sierra los Pinos / Vallecitos de los Indios residential areas, located north of the prescribed burn. While ignition on this fire is complete, crews will continue to monitoring this fire over the next month. District Fire Management Officer Dan Key explained, “We will continue keep fire fighters on-site, monitoring control lines over the next several days, and district crews will continue to monitor the fire area on a daily basis over the next couple weeks until all residual fires (burning stumps, logs, etc.) are completely extinguished.”

Residents of nearby mountain communities woke up to the smell of smoke again this morning. Like yesterday, the smoke will disperse throughout the morning as the air temperature begins to rise. Over the next couple days residents in the Bernalillo, Rio Rancho, Zia Pueblo, and Santa Ana Pueblo may note a light haze in the morning – this will dissipate by the weekend.

Forest Roads 269, Forest Road 136, and Forest Road 10 between the gate south of Sierra Los Pinos private land to the gate north of Paliza Campground on national forest lands will remain closed today as crews monitor the fire line along Forest Roads 136 and 296. Landowners will have access to their private land. Please call the Jemez District Office at (505) 829-3535 for information on when these roads will be reopened.

