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Donaldson Fire
FACT SHEET

For Immediate Release:
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Last Chance Information – (505) 670-

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 8:00 p.m.

Team PIOs Jennifer Myslivy or Joel Arnwine

Detected: June 28th 2011

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 0 percent

Location: 6 miles south of Hondo, NM

Fuel Type: Pinion juniper, brush and grass

Terrain: Steep and Rugged

Precautionary evacuations are being conducted for Alamo Canyon by Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and Lincoln County Emergency Services.

Pecos Zone Type III Incident Management Team (Tudor IC) took over management of the Donaldson Fire as of 4:00 p.m. on today. Additional resources have been ordered and will be assigned to the fire as they arrive. The Donaldson Incident Command Post (ICP) has been set up at the Hope School on HWY 70.

Current Size: estimated at 15,000 acres – The fire will be mapped tomorrow by GPS and a more accurate estimate of size will be provided in tomorrow's fact sheet.

Summary: The fire is actively burning in steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain in private lands south of Hondo, NM.

1 Air Attack, 1 Lead Plane, 4 Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) and 1 Module Aerial Fire Fighting Support (MAFFS) #7 C-130 worked the fire for most of the day, and a Type 2 helicopter has been ordered for operations tomorrow.

The fire grew rapidly during the day due to extremely dry conditions and gusty winds. Structure protection is being conducted around multiple ranch houses within the fire perimeter.

Fire personnel are using both direct and indirect suppression tactics to contain the fire and keep it from moving further south.

Fire Behavior: Extreme fire behavior (running) is being observed with strong pushes towards Pajarita Mountain and is currently burning within the Mescalero-Apache Reservation.

Weather: Wednesday – Sunny with Temps: 95 degrees, Relative Humidity's 6 % and Winds 13-18 from the South

Resources: Resources from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Forestry, and area volunteer departments responded. Approximately 128 personnel are assigned to the fire.

Structures Threatened: 5 structures threatened with one of them being a primary residence.

Smoke from the fire may impact the communities of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Lincoln, Hondo, Fort Stanton, Tinnie, San Patricio and other surrounding areas so please take precautions if you have any health or respiratory issues.