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**Ruidoso Wildfire Affecting Area Water Systems - New Mexico  
Environment Department Strongly Advises Conservation**

The New Mexico Environment Department is asking Ruidoso area residents to conserve water due to power outages associated with the White Fire affecting several water systems' abilities to provide service.

The White Fire has downed multiple power lines providing electrical service to several Ruidoso area water systems. The Ruidoso and Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District has been affected and others may be as well. Loss of electricity and damage from the fire have disabled numerous well water pumps, cutting off continuous water supply to some neighborhoods in the affected communities. Conservation is also being urged to ensure fire crews have access to adequate water to fight the fire.

Residents are asked to please conserve water to avoid a complete drawdown of water supplies. This request is in effect until late tonight or possibly into Tuesday.

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