

Sandia Wildfire Response Flow

West Side – Albuquerque Open Space/Albuquerque Fire Department

Cooperator Contact

- Albuquerque Fire & Rescue Wildland Coordinator – Joe Kandel 505-452-7406
- Bernalillo Wildland Coordinator – Javier Torres 505-250-7844

General Process

- Most fires are identified via 911 through AFD Dispatch. AFD duty officer will call Sandia DO immediately. AFD response is timely and their resources will most likely be first on scene. AFD understands that we want to use appropriate tactics and may not suppress all fires on FS land. If fire is in ABQ open space property and/or FS land they will take direct action on city of ABQ lands.
- AFD DO will also help with joint press release in a very timely fashion, ensure press and PIO/PAO inContact with each other.
- High interest from the public and media with all wildland fire visible from the ABQ metro area. Expect media response through open space and with media helicopters. Sandia DO and AFD DO usually meet near fire area to assist fire personnel with media and public. This allows firefighters to IC and manage incident while the duty officers filter other influences.
- Coordinated and timely news release and social media release with FS and BERNCO is important. BERNCO PIO is David Lujan – 505-270-9936, he can post to next door and facebook quickly, also has ability to send out NIXEL message. FS PAO Patricia Johnson 413-575-4981 or 505-346-3894
- If needed Bernalillo County, Albuquerque BLM and Kirtland AFB resources can assist.
 - Bernalillo Wildland Coordinator – Javier Torres 505-250-7844
 - BLM FMO --Todd Richards 505-259-8487
 - Kirtland AFB Wildland Coordinator Terrance Eatton 505-459-0568
 - KAFB Range Manager Lt. Mark Bean 505-350-3360
- AFD DO can make request to have ABQ open space closed as needed.
- Contact: AFD WLFC, BERNCO WLFC District Ranger, Forest Duty Officer, BERNCO PIO, FS PAO

North/Northeast Side – Placitas/Sandoval County Fire Department

Cooperator Contact

- Sandoval County Fire Department
- Wildland Coordinator – Ryan Louchard 505-206-6865

General Process

- Most fires are identified via 911 through Sandoval County Dispatch. Sandoval County Wildland Coordinator will call Sandia DO immediately. Sandoval County fire resources and volunteers will

respond but they have limited capacity. Most fires in this jurisdiction are lightning caused and difficult to access so cooperators may not take action and will standby until FS resources are on scene

- Ryan Louchard is experienced and easy to work with. He can provide adequate water support through tenders to support helicopter bucket operations in a timely manner.
- High interest from the media and citizens of the north end. Some fires are visible from Interstate 25.
- Any fire report in Las Huertas Canyon is immediate concern for life and safety of fire personnel and public. Narrow road highly recreated area, some private land and structures.
- Contact: Sandoval County Wildland Coordinator, District Ranger, Forest Duty Officer, FS PAO Patricia Johnson 413-575-4981 or 505-346-3894
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East and South Sides – Bernalillo County Fire Department/Kirtland Air Force Base/Isleta Pueblo

Cooperator Contact

- Bernalillo County Battalion 7(East Area Commander) – 505-225-5067
- Bernalillo Wildland Coordinator – Javier Torres 505-250-7844
- Isleta Pueblo – Frank Jiron – 505-264-5528
- Kirtland AFB Wildland Coordinator Terrance Eatton 505-459-0568
- KAFB Range Manager-Lt. Mark Bean 505-350-3360

General Process – Bernalillo County

- Most fires identified through Bernalillo County Dispatch via 911. Bernalillo County has a department required response to all wildland incidents reported in Bernalillo County regardless of land ownership. Batt. 7 or BERNO WLFC should call Sandia DO, this may not happen in a timely fashion. Multiple discussions with BERCO have happened about appropriate response to incidents on FS land and to inform if taking action on any fire that is not a direct threat to infrastructure or private land.
- Most wildland and structure incident in the East Mountain portion of Bernalillo County are within the protection area of the FS and will require some level of response, usually standby in the area of the incident. This may not always be requested by BERNCO, notify Batt. 7 or BERNCO WLFC that will send units to standby unless specified to engage.
- Varying degrees of wildland experience among Batt. 7 individuals. They work 72 hour shifts so new BC every three days. BERNCO WFLC Javier Torres will usually contact FMO if in doubt about current DO.
- East mountain citizens are on high alert for any smoke or wildfire incident. Single tree snag during monsoon season will cause multiple 911 calls and alarm among the community, even high up on the mountain.
- Coordinated and timely news release and social media release with FS and BERNCO is important. BERNCO PIO is David Lujan – 505-270-9936, he can post to next door and facebook

quickly, also has ability to send out NIXEL message. FS PAO Patricia Johnson 413-575-4981 or 505-346-3894

- Contact: BERNOC Batt. 7 & WLFC, District Ranger, Forest DO, FS PAO, BERNCO PIO

General Process – Kirtland AFB/Withdrawal Area

- Most incidents within the withdrawal are caused by testing or military drills. These fires are usually contained, by KAFB wildland crews quickly and remain small. Fire personnel are usually on standby during drills and testing. KAFB will eventually notify ABQ dispatch or Sandia FMO/AFMO of incident, sometimes weeks after it happened. Sandia Fire will fill out a fire report on incident based on information provided by KAFB and claim as a statistical fire.
- Natural ignitions that happen in more remote areas of the withdrawal are more challenging and will require, coordinated response between FS and KAFB. FS personnel will not engage in fire fighting off of road systems due to UXO's in the area. KAFB wildland crews can engage fire off road systems. Overall fire suppression responsibilities fall to FS, however KAFB will provide a majority of resource most of the time.
- Public information is once again key in any incident that can be seen by ABQ or the east mountains. The Community near raven road is of particular concern with their proximity to the withdrawal area. Press releases and public information for KAFB is limited to none, so responsibility falls to Sandia RD many times.
- Contact: BERNCO Batt. 7, KAFB WLFC, AFR WLFC, District Ranger, Forest DO, FS PAO.