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Kiowa San Cristobal Prescribed Fire Postponed

Safe conditions not met



Thinning in the G-Unit of the Kiowa-San Cristobal Wildland Urban Interface Project. October 2026.

Taos, N.M., October 5, 2026—Fire managers made the decision to postpone ignitions on the G-Unit of the Kiowa San Cristobal Prescribed Fire. Forecasted conditions did not hold, rendering potential ignitions unsafe. Fire managers will continue to monitor for conditions conducive to pile burning.

As wildfires became a growing concern across the American West, local organizations teamed up with the Carson National Forest and other national groups in 2015 to form the Taos Valley Watershed Coalition. They identified the Kiowa-San Cristobal project as one of their top priorities to reduce the threat of wildfire to communities and watersheds.

To date, close to 5,000 combined acres of thinning and prescribed fire have been

completed in the project area, reducing the threat of wildfire to the south of San Cristobal, while increasing opportunities for fuelwood gathering and improving riparian corridors and range allotments.

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