

**INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 26-11**

**A PROCLAMATION IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITING THE USE OF FIREWORKS DURING EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the New Mexico Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act, NMSA 1978, Chapter 60 Article 2C, the Incorporated County of Los Alamos (“County”) Council is empowered to ban or limit the use and sale of certain fireworks when the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service (“NWS”) determines that extreme or severe drought conditions exist in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, NWS publishes drought indices which indicate that severe drought conditions exist within the County map as published May 21, 2026 (Attachment 1), and predicts a Seasonal Drought Outlook map through the summer where drought conditions will persist in Los Alamos County, and there is predicted Significant Wildfire Potential in June 2026 (Attachment 2); and

**WHEREAS**, the two attached NWS maps that show drought conditions indicate that 100% of Los Alamos County is experiencing an extreme drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the extended drought conditions creating extreme fire danger, the region has seen an increase in fire activity early in the wildfire season as compared to past years; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2026, the Governor’s Office of Michele Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order 2026-026 declaring severe drought and fire conditions throughout the State urging local governments to issue fireworks bans (Attachment 3); and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the increased fire danger, on May 28, 2026 the Fire Marshal for the Los Alamos Fire Department declared Stage 2 Fire Restrictions within the County; and

**WHEREAS** the use of fireworks of all kinds presents a serious potential for the ignition of unwanted fires under present drought conditions, which may spread rapidly and become a threat to health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council held a public hearing on June 9, 2026 to decide on whether to issue this Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, Council, after holding a public hearing, finds that it is incumbent upon the County to impose restrictions upon the sale and use of fireworks in the County, to the maximum extent permitted by law, in order to reduce the fire risk which poses a threat to the health and safety of the residents and visitors of the County, and a threat of severe damage to structures, business, and public lands and natural vegetation and appeal of recreational areas for open space use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS HEREBY PROCLAIMS:**

1. The sale or use of aerial devices and ground audible devices, including aerial shell kit-reloadable tubes, aerial spinners, helicopters, mines, missile-type rockets, multiple tube devices, roman candles type (able to shoot balls of flame 50-60 plus feet in the air), shells, stick-type rockets, chasers, and firecrackers as those terms are defined in NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-2, is hereby PROHIBITED for the next thirty (30) days on all lands, public and private within the County.

2. The use of ground and hand-held sparkling devices, including cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches/static (non-flame shooting type) roman candles, toy smoke devices, and wheels as those terms are defined in NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-2 is PERMITTED ONLY IF:

- a. The use is within a space having an area of at least four hundred (400) square feet, which space is paved or entirely barren of vegetation, and the ground or hand-held sparkling device is used or placed at least five (5) feet from the perimeter of the paved or barren area; AND
- b. there is an operable garden hose or similar device within reach of the area where the fireworks are used and capable of providing water at a rate of at least four (4) gallons per minute for a continuous period of at least ten (10) minutes.

3. The use of display fireworks as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-2, is hereby PROHIBITED.

4. The possession of fireworks of all kinds, including ground and hand-held sparkling devices, whether or not legally acquired and whether or not intended for immediate use is PROHIBITED within the open space, parks, campsites, horse stables and other recreational areas and lands owned by the County, except for the transport of legally acquired fireworks within enclosed vehicles on public roads of the County.

5. This Proclamation shall be effective IMMEDIATELY upon the adoption of this Proclamation of the County Council and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days.

**SO PROCLAIMED** this 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2026.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY  
OF LOS ALAMOS**

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**Randall T. Ryti,  
Council Chair**

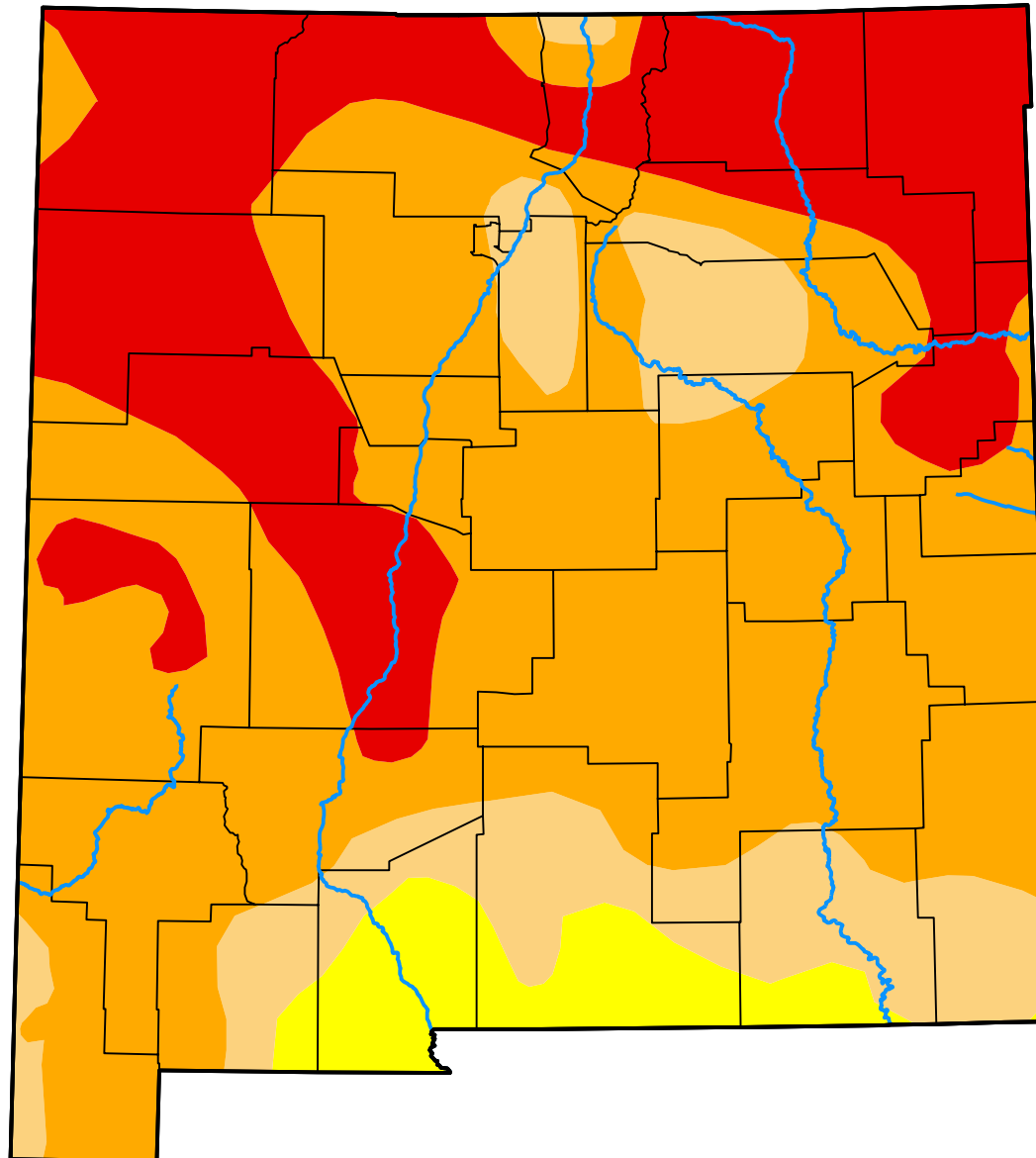
**ATTEST: (Seal)**

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**Michael D. Redondo,  
Los Alamos County Clerk**

# U.S. Drought Monitor New Mexico

May 19, 2026  
(Released Thursday, May. 21, 2026)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



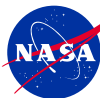
### Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

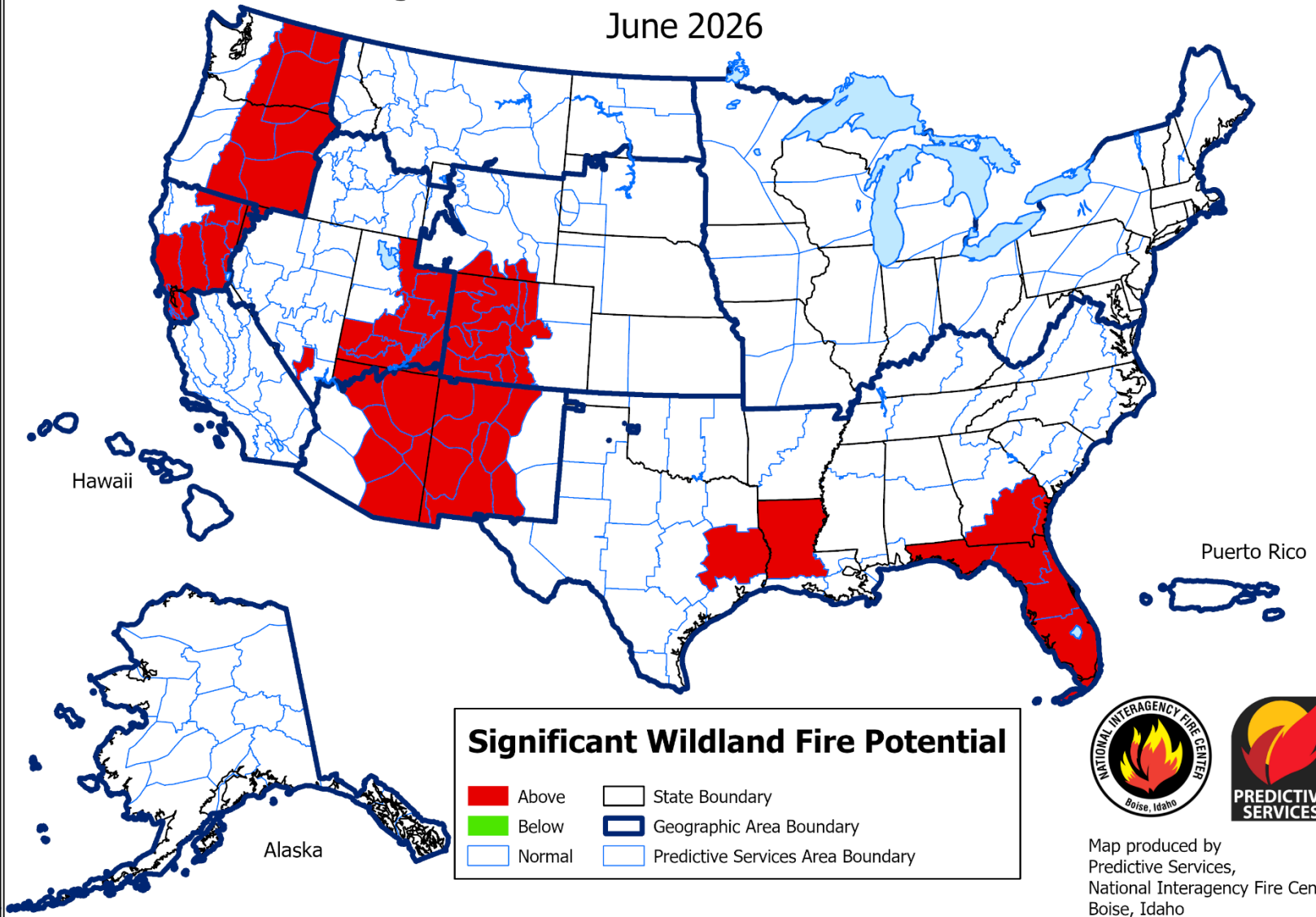
*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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# Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook June 2026



**Significant Wildland Fire Potential**

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<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Normal	<span style="border: 1px solid lightblue; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> Predictive Services Area Boundary



Map produced by  
Predictive Services,  
National Interagency Fire Center  
Boise, Idaho  
Issued: May 1, 2026  
Next Issue: June 1, 2026

Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur. Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-026**

### **DECLARING A DROUGHT AND SEVERE FIRE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND URGING MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE WATER USE RESTRICTIONS AND FIREWORK BANS**

**WHEREAS**, during the winter of 2025-2026, New Mexico experienced the lowest snowpack, highest temperatures and lowest runoff levels in recorded history;

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Drought Monitor, 94% of New Mexico is experiencing various levels of drought conditions;

**WHEREAS**, current water storage in New Mexico's reservoirs reflect some of the lowest levels on record, and the current conditions mean reduced water supplies for New Mexico's communities, farms, ranchlands, and forests and reduced flows in New Mexico's rivers and streams;

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico is increasing our drought tracking and response capabilities through the New Mexico Drought Information Portal at [www.drought.nm.gov](http://www.drought.nm.gov) to provide a one-stop-shop for New Mexico communities and residents navigating drought conditions and risks;

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico's 50-Year Water Action Plan and Implementation Dashboard, available at [www.nm.gov/water-security-in-new-mexico](http://www.nm.gov/water-security-in-new-mexico), are a direct and tailored response to New Mexico scientists' prediction that we will have up to 25 percent less water in 50 years, steering state resources toward water education, water conservation, development of new water supplies,

and enhanced protection of water quality and watersheds;

**WHEREAS**, to respond to the current and projected drought conditions, New Mexico's communities should increase local water education resources and implement water conservation measures within their authority to protect the available supplies of water, including, but not limited to, water use restrictions, removal of non-functional turf, and incentives for water-saving landscaping approaches, high water efficiency appliances, and water recycling and reuse;

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico's recent investments in treated brackish water through the Strategic Water Supply and the aquifer mapping program at New Mexico Tech's Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources reflect the State's commitment to supporting water resilience and economic development in our communities;

**WHEREAS**, persistent drought conditions cause New Mexico to be susceptible to numerous natural disasters associated with drought, including agricultural loss, severe wildfires, and post-wildfire flooding;

**WHEREAS**, in recent months, fire danger has increased throughout the State due to warmer temperatures, lower humidity, high winds, and an abundance of dry, fine fuels; and the number of wildfires from January 1 to April 30, 2026, was more than double the average for that time period;

**WHEREAS**, significant fire danger levels and prevailing drought conditions create the possibility for severe wildfires and other natural disasters, including extreme flooding, and crop production loss;

**WHEREAS**, in recent years the State has experienced multiple large wildfires, including the South Fork and Salt Fires, Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Fire, McBride Fire, Black Fire, and many

other wildfires that have destroyed homes and other property and degraded water sources;

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2026, the State Forester imposed fire restrictions on non-municipal, non-federal, and non-tribal lands statewide prohibiting smoking, fireworks, campfires, open burning and open fires;

**WHEREAS**, federal authorities have enacted measures to respond to increased fire danger in the State by issuing Stage I and Stage II fire restrictions on federal lands;

**WHEREAS**, tribal governments have also imposed fire restrictions on their lands;

**WHEREAS**, financial resources to respond to drought conditions and fire response efforts exist within state, federal and local entities, including appropriations totaling approximately \$700 million from the New Mexico legislature during the 2025 and 2026 sessions in new, nonrecurring funding relating to water and natural resource issues; and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures may be necessary to protect public health, ensure public safety and well-being, and provide for the economic stability of New Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby **DECLARE** drought and severe fire conditions exist throughout New Mexico and **URGE** New Mexico's counties, municipalities, and local governments to consider implementing appropriate firework bans pursuant to the Fireworks Safety and Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 60-2C-1 to -11, as well as any other appropriate fire prevention measures that they may legally enact.

**I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT** as follows:

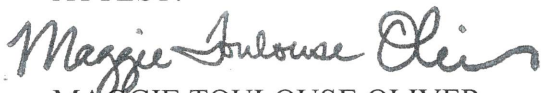
1. The New Mexico Drought Task Force and its member agencies shall take all necessary actions to ensure that New Mexico's communities receive available information and

resources to enable them to prepare for and respond to drought conditions and conserve and protect New Mexico's water supplies.

2. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:

  
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2026

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

