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Governor Richardson Orders Additional Resources to Aid in the Big Springs Wildfire

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today ordered additional resources to aid in the fire fighting efforts in the Manzano Mountains. The Governor has ordered two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and three water tenders to the Big Springs fire burning in Torrance County.

“We are acting aggressively to help the more than 400 personnel fighting the Big Springs fire in Torrance County,” said Governor Richardson. “I have ordered the two New Mexico National Guard Black Hawk helicopters to help battle the fire.”

The Governor has ordered the following State resources to help with the Big Spring fire:

- New Mexico State Police
- The Department of Transportation (for road signage, water tenders)
- New Mexico National Guard
- New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Mobile Emergency Operations Center

The request for use of the Black Hawks is open ended.

Firefighters have made progress battling the Big Spring Fire today. Fire officials say activity has been low today without much growth. Power has been restored to all areas except those within and directly surrounding the fire line. Estimated acreage sits at 3500 with 10% containment.

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