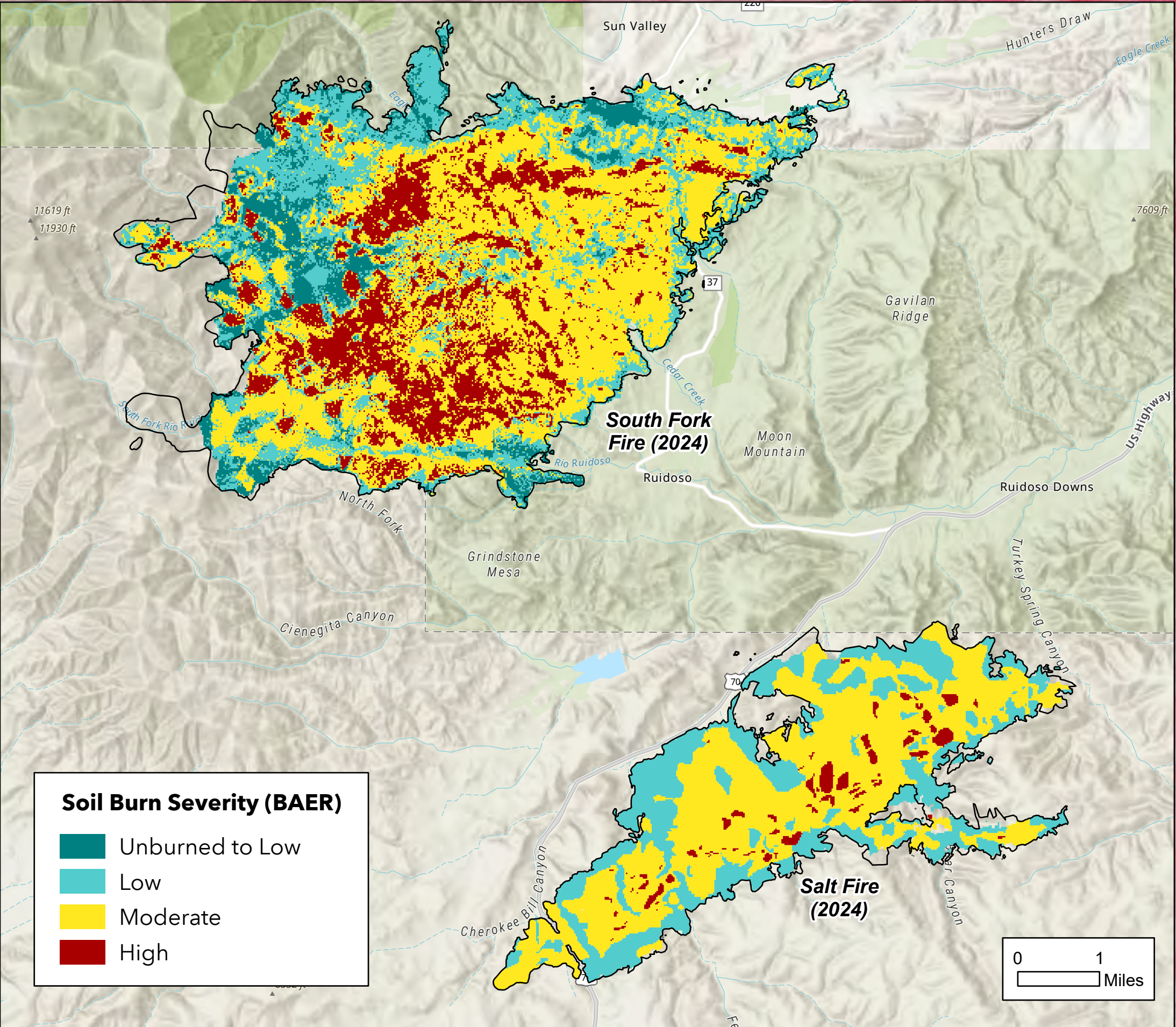
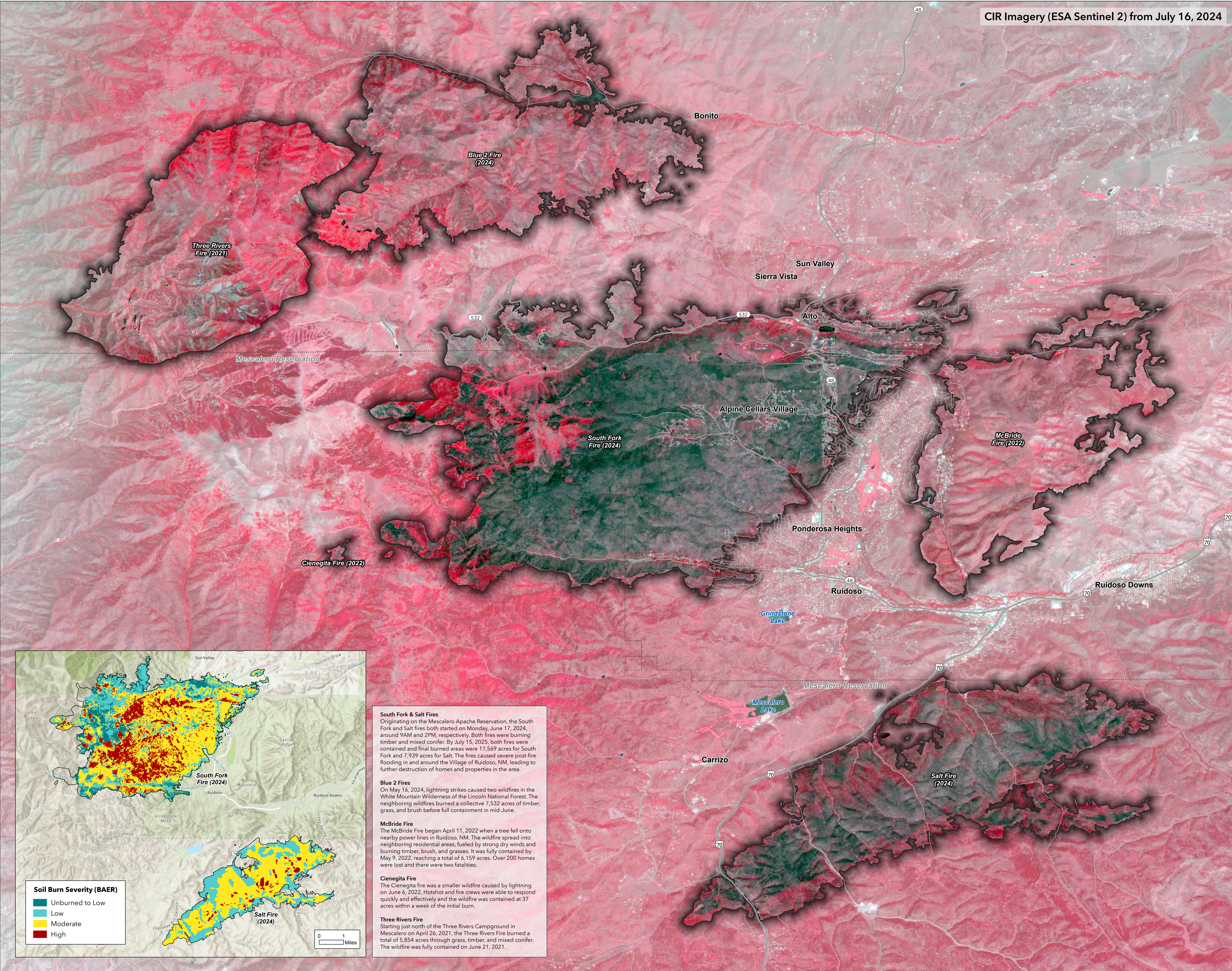


South Fork and Salt Fires (and surrounding recent fires)

June - July 2024

This map is presented in *color infrared* which is often used for interpretation of natural resources. In color infrared imagery, healthy and dense vegetation is seen in bright red, less dense and healthy vegetation is seen in lighter reds and pinks, and dead vegetation is seen in darker greens. Using this type of imagery better shows the burn scar (outlined in a thick black line) and the devastation caused by wildfires on the forests of Northern New Mexico.



South Fork & Salt Fires
Originating on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, the South Fork and Salt fires both started on Monday, June 17, 2024, around 9AM and 2PM, respectively. Both fires were burning timber and mixed conifer. By July 15, 2025, both fires were contained and final burned areas were 17,569 acres for South Fork and 7,939 acres for Salt. The fires caused severe post-fire flooding in and around the Village of Ruidoso, NM, leading to further destruction of homes and properties in the area.

Blue 2 Fires
On May 16, 2024, lightning strikes caused two wildfires in the White Mountain Wilderness of the Lincoln National Forest. The neighboring wildfires burned a collective 7,532 acres of timber, grass, and brush before full containment in mid-June.

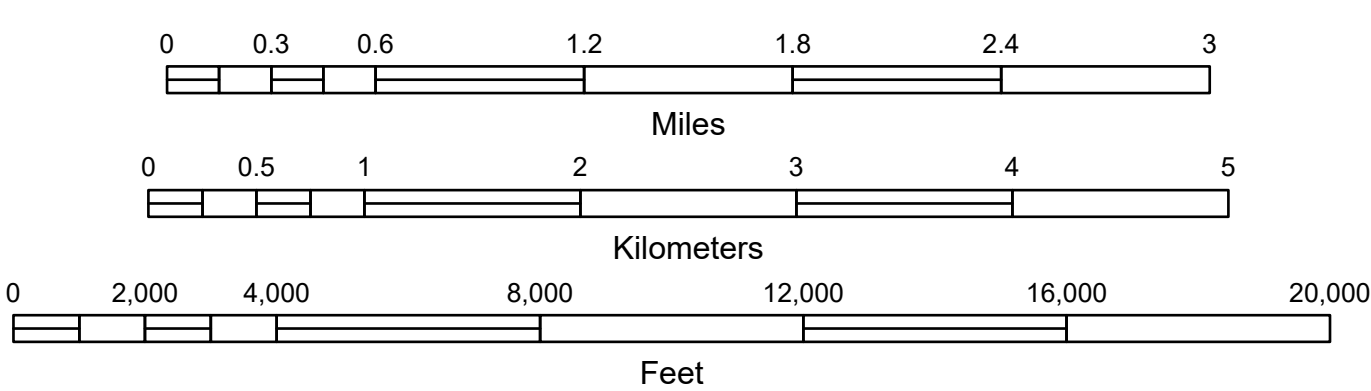
McBride Fire
The McBride Fire began April 11, 2022 when a tree fell onto nearby power lines in Ruidoso, NM. The wildfire spread into neighboring residential areas, fueled by strong dry winds and burning timber, brush, and grasses. It was fully contained by May 9, 2022, reaching a total of 6,159 acres. Over 200 homes were lost and there were two fatalities.

Cienegita Fire
The Cienegita fire was a smaller wildfire caused by lightning on June 6, 2022. Hotshot and fire crews were able to respond quickly and effectively and the wildfire was contained at 37 acres within a week of the initial burn.

Three Rivers Fire
Starting just north of the Three Rivers Campground in Mescalero on April 26, 2021, the Three Rivers Fire burned a total of 5,854 acres through grass, timber, and mixed conifer. The wildfire was fully contained on June 21, 2021.

Fire Boundaries: NIFC WFIGS Interagency Fire Perimeters, 2025
Roads: NMDOT/NM911 Roads
Imagery (Main): European Space Agency - Sentinel 2 (2024)
Basemap (Inset): Esri World Topographic
Fire information from inciweb.wildfire.gov
Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N
Projection: Transverse Mercator

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