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## **Bridge Fire in Santa Rosa**

SANTA ROSA - On the morning of August 5th, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Four was informed of a bridge structure fire on N.M. 91 in Santa Rosa. The timber bridge, located between Thurston/ Serrano Lane and Reilly Road, failed due to damage caused by the fire. The source of the fire is currently under investigation.

The immediate response by the NMDOT is to contain and remove debris from the El Rio Creek safely and quickly. This is a joint response involving NMDOT environmental scientists, the New Mexico Environmental Department, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The NMDOT is exploring options to restore full service to N.M. 91 with minimal environmental impact and travel interruptions.

A detour is currently in place through Blue Hole Rd. and Reilly Rd. The NMDOT will update the situation as more details become available.

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