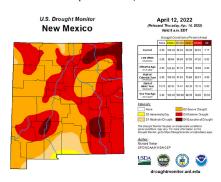
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During the April 5 McKinley County Commissioners meeting, McKinley County Fire Chief Brian Archuleta told commissioners that the county's drought conditions have been improving since last year when a firework ban had to be put in place due to the drought conditions.

But now, three weeks later, drought conditions have worsened. In an interview with the *Sun* on April 26, Archuleta said that the leading cause of the conditions has been the fact that McKinley County hasn't had any rain and has had a lot of wind.

According to Weather Underground, a website that provides long-range weather reports, McKinley County hasn't seen any rain since April 13, and that day it only rained .03 inches. It also rained on April 5, but that was only .04 inches.

Wind has also been a factor in the drought conditions. According to Weather Underground, on April 22, wind gusts got up to 52 mph.

Archuleta said these conditions dried everything up.

McKinley County's Deputy Fire Chief Tim Berry presented the updated drought conditions to the county commissioners on April 26 and suggested a resolution to place a burn ban on the

