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San Miguel/ Mora County News Release
Calf Canyon/ Hermits Peak Fire
Daily Information Update

Las Vegas – Dynamic weather patterns are anticipated today. Dry thunderstorms in the afternoon will likely cause very active fire behavior and increase potential for fire spread. The fire is expected to remain active, with critically dry fuels and near-record temperatures. All zones of the fire will continue to utilize air support when conditions allow. Fire managers have plans in place to cover both current fire activity and the potential for new lightning-caused fires. In the event of a new start, firefighters will support suppression efforts alongside local area fire personnel. **Residents of San Miguel, Mora, Taos, and Colfax Counties should remain on high alert for changes to evacuation statuses and road closures.**

Please be advised that drones are prohibited in the temporary flight restriction zone which is outlined on the map. If drones enter the flight zone, firefighting aircraft are grounded.

Fire Personnel in Mora County- Please do not utilize the hydrants for filling apparatus. Fill with non-potable water.

Restrictions: The Santa Fe National Forest has expanded the closure order due to the fire to include the entire Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District and has implemented forest-wide Stage 2 fire restrictions. Full closure order and map are available at www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprd3802009

County Fire Restrictions: All open burning (burning of crop land, fields, range land, debris, burning slash piles, prescribed burning or weed burning) in San Miguel County, shall be banned throughout the unincorporated areas of the County, and the provisions of SMC Ordinance 03-9-99ORD are in effect. This ban shall prohibit any person from having, causing, starting, igniting and/or using open flame outside of a building, structure, automobile, or other enclosed area anywhere, throughout the unincorporated portions of San Miguel County.

Weather: Dry thunderstorms anticipated this afternoon. South to southwest winds expected throughout the day, which will push the fire to the north and northeast. Today will be a dynamic and active day for the fire. Minimum relative humidity remains in the single digits. Any moisture today will be in the form of vega, which is precipitation that will evaporate before it can hit the ground and due to that will have little to no impact on the fire.

Smoke: An interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

Power Outages: Power has been shut down in some evacuated areas. Lines will be re-energized when conditions are safe for fire personnel and law enforcement. Power has been restored to the community of Mora, for the purpose of water distribution, by authorization of the Incident Management Team.

LIVESTOCK OWNERS: If you have livestock within the evacuation zone, contact NM State Police Dispatch at 505-425-6771 to coordinate a safe escort to your property to feed your animals. Do not enter the evacuation area un-escorted.

Federal Disaster Assistance: Visit <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/> To make it easier to communicate with FEMA create an online account. You can upload documents and check the status of your application from anywhere with an internet connection. **You can also Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.** Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. MDT, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as a videophone (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

Future Fire Information: The Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires Information office hours are 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. The phone number for fire information is 505-356-2636. The email address is 2022.calfcanyon@firenet.gov. Future fire information will continue to be posted on [Inciweb](#), the [SFNF Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), [SFNF website](#), and [New Mexico Fire Information website](#).

Fire Resource Hotline: 1-800-432-2080: The following phone number will provide residents impacted by the Calf Canyon/ Hermits Peak Fire with fire consequence resources or sheltering needs.

To sign up for RAVE alerts. Text SMCNOTIFY to 67283.

Updates will be posted on San Miguel County OEM, San Miguel's County Sheriff's, Mora County Sheriff's, and Fire Department Facebook pages.

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