



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



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Evacuation Updates

LAS VEGAS – **The communities of Romeroville West have been placed into SET STATUS.** Set Status means you should prepare yourself and your home for the possibility of evacuation BEFORE wildfire arrives. We want to remind all residents of San Miguel and Mora counties, as evacuation levels change and your resident becomes deemed an area of evacuation, we encourage you to take immediate action. This is a long-term event, and we do not anticipate having ‘control’ of this fire any time soon.

Community Evacuation Status in San Miguel and Mora Counties:

GO (Mandatory Full Evacuation, Colored Green):

San Miguel County

Big Pine, Canovas Canyon, Porvenir Canyon, El Porvenir, Lower Canyon Road, Gallinas, New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute, and Trout Springs are still in Go status and residents are being urged to leave these areas now. Also in the Go status are the area on the map identified as Hot Springs, Storrie Lake, Las Dispensas, San Ignacio, Lone Pine Mesa, Chavez, Canoncito, Pendaries Village, Pendaries Valley East, Rociada, Upper Rociada and Tierra Monte Canon, La Canada, Las Tusas, the area of 527-525 on Highway 518, East and West Sapello, and Manuelitas. Mineral Hill, San Pablo, Ojitos Frios, and San Geronimo, are also in GO status.

Mora County

Penasco Blanco, South Carmen, Ledoux, Upper Morphy, Santiago Creek, Abuelo Puertocito, Rito Cebolla, Buena Vista, Golondrinas, North and South Mora, the area along 434 from Mora north to the State Park and Rainsville are all in Go status. West Holman and Chacon have been added to go status.

SET (Prepare for Evacuation, Colored Yellow):

San Miguel County

The areas Country Acres, Mills Plaza, Bibb, Creston, Bull Canyon, Cow Creek, Cinder Road, Emplazado, Camp Luna, **Romeroville West**, and Taylor Wells area on Hwy. 283 remain in set status.

Mora County

Watrous/Fort Union is in Set status.

READY (Prepare for Possible Evacuation, Colored Red):

San Miguel County

West Las Vegas is now in READY as well as East Cinder. Romeroville East is still in READY status in San Miguel County.

Mora County

There are currently no areas in Ready status

Link to Ready, Set Go, Wildland Fire Action Guide:

https://cms6.revize.com/revize/sanmiguelcounty/FINAL-new-mexico-RSG-guide-2017_000.pdf

Evacuation Information



Evacuations: Scan the QR code here for the latest evacuation map or visit the ArcGIS Map. The San Miguel and Mora County Sheriffs ask that all residents within the fire area remain on high alert for changes to evacuation statuses and road closures. It is imperative to respect closures and follow evacuation orders. Please follow San Miguel County and Mora County Sheriff's Facebook pages for the latest updates at <https://www.facebook.com/smcso.nm> and <https://www.facebook.com/moracountysheriffoffice>

The Incident Management Team, along with law enforcement and fire departments are closely monitoring and evaluating the fire status. We will make every effort to keep the city out of evacuation status. Operations currently has outside resources of 25 fire engines on standby to protect structures that may fall into fire danger. These engines are staged in different areas in and around the city.

Evacuation Shelter Sites Information

San Miguel County:

- Old Memorial Middle School Gymnasium, Legion St. in Las Vegas, Contact: Janna Lopez (505) 429-2062
- Glorieta Adventure Camps, 11 NM-50 in Glorieta, Contact: Josh Nelson (505) 757-6161 x 713
- Santa Rosa Convention Center, 1085 Blue Hole Road in Santa Rosa, Contact: Ben Rael (505) 301-3094

Mora County:

- Penasco High School gym, 13 Old School Road, Contact: Emma Empey (702) 743-8973
- Juan Gonzales AG Center, 202 Camisa Rd, Taos, Contact: Bobby Lucero (575) 779-9381

San Miguel Shelter site for horses and livestock: The Zamora arena continues to be utilized to temporarily house evacuated horses and livestock. The contact for livestock and horses is Matthew Romero, Livestock Inspector, 575-643-6805. The Pecos arena is also available for sheltering livestock. That contact is Freddy Lujan, Pecos Sheriff's Posse at either 505-930-3986 or 505-757-3986.

Mora Shelter Site for Horses and Livestock: The Taos County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds is being utilized for livestock. Call Livestock Inspector Ruben Baca at 575-770-1490.

If you are keeping livestock at these locations, please make arrangements to ensure your animals are fed and watered.

Road Closures: In San Miguel County, State Road 65 and El Llano road have are closed at Stella Ln. CR A27 remains closed. CR A11A, from Eighth Street Extension to Hwy 65 is closed and the junction of Jones Rd. State Routes of N.M. 105, N.M. 94, N.M. 266 and N.M.276 remain closed. N.M. 518 from Storrie Lake to the junction of N.M. 161 remains closed. CR A17 in Mineral Hill is closed.

In Mora County, Highways 94, 518, 121, 442 and B028 are open for evacuation only. Hwy 434 is closed northbound at Sierra Bonita. No reentry will be allowed, and roadblocks will be in place.

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