

San Miguel County News Release

Hermit Peak Current Fire Evacuations



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Las Vegas, NM 12:00 pm Winds have ramped back up today and we are set to have another red flag warning day. Progress continues, and the Incident Command Team is now calling the Hermit Peak Fire 81% contained. Confidence in the fire line continues to grow. All communities remain downgraded to Set and Ready status, which means all residents are able to stay home, but must remain ready and prepared for a potential evacuation. Those areas in Set status will be open to residents only, and include San Ignacio, Lone Pine Mesa, and the area on the map identified as Chavez. Set areas are colored Yellow. Those areas that remain in Ready status include La Canada, Las Tusas, Pendaries, and Canoncito, identified in Red on the map.

The forest service has confirmed a **NEW FIRE**, west of the Hermit Peak Fire. The Calf Canyon Fire, which it's being called, started sometime yesterday afternoon. Big Pine, Blue Bell Ridge and the El Cielo Mountain area have been elevated to Green Status. Meaning there is a mandatory evacuation in place for said area. El Porvenir, Porvenir Canyon, Canovas Canyon, and San Ignacio CR A3A, are now on a Set Status meaning that residents should be preparing for a potential evacuation, and are identified in Yellow. The Lower Canyon Road area, along with Gallians Canyon, Trout Springs, and Trout Springs Canyon, has been activated to the Ready Status. In addition, Canoncito, Pendaries Village, Rociada, Upper and Lower Rociada, and Penasco Blanco are also on Ready Status. The Team, along with San Miguel County Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement will continue to assess conditions and advise if any changes are necessary. As the winds increase, smoke is also expected to pick up through much of the county. Please remember that drones are still prohibited in both flight areas. An updated map of the flight zones and evacuation areas will be distributed soon.

Road Closures: County Roads CR-A3, CR-A3A and State Rd. 266 remain open to fire personnel and residents only. Road blocks will still be in effect. In addition, there will be a road block set up on State Road 65 at the Montezuma Skating Pond. State Rd.65 is open to fire personnel and residents only at this time.

Shelter site for residents and small animals: The Old Memorial Middle School gym will remain open until further notice for potential use or for supply pick-up. Individuals effected by these two fires as well as the Cook Fire, are encouraged to utilize the shelter. The contact number at the shelter is 505-429-0336. Please stop by for supplies, if you need water, snacks or personal hygiene.

Structural Losses: No additional structural losses have been discovered. Thank you.

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

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

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