



## San Miguel /Mora County News Release Calf Canyon Current Fire Evacuations



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Crews continue to work on strengthening the perimeter. We were lucky yesterday and the wind didn't blow as predicted. Today is supposed to be a red flag day and we have several to follow. Evacuation statuses didn't change yesterday, for the most part, but they may change in the windy days to come. As they change, do not wait for in-person notification to evacuate. If your neighborhood is listed below or you see it in an evacuation area on the map, we encourage you to take action immediately. This is a long-term event, and we don't anticipate having 'control' of this fire any time soon.

### Community Evacuation Status in San Miguel and Mora Counties:

**GO (mandatory full evacuation, colored green):** In San Miguel County, Big Pine, Canovas Canyon, Porvenir Canyon, El Porvenir, Lower Canyon Road, Gallinas and Trout Springs are still in Go status and residents are being urged to leave these areas now. Also in Go 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, Emplazado and Manuelitas. Mineral Hill, San Pablo, Ojitos Frios, San Geronimo, Camp Luna, and Cinder are also in GO status.

In 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.

**SET (prepare for evacuation, colored yellow):** In San Miguel County, Bibb, Creston, Bull Canyon and Cow Creek remain in set status. The Taylor Wells area on Hwy. 283 has been added to Set status.

In Mora County, the areas of Watrous/Fort Union, Holman West and Chacon have been added to Set status.

**READY (get ready for possible evacuation, colored red):** West Las Vegas is now in READY as well as East Cinder. Romeroville is still in READY status in San Miguel County.

In Mora County, no areas are currently in Ready status.

**The link to the high-resolution map is attached or scan this QR code to view.**



The Incident Management Team, along with law enforcement and fire departments are closely monitoring and evaluating the fire status. The efforts to keep the city out of evacuation status are strong, constant and consistent. 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.

**This emerging situation remains extremely serious and refusal to evacuate could be a fatal decision.**

### Road Closures:

In San Miguel County, State Road 65 at the State Hospital and CR A27 are closed. Eighth Street Extension at CR A14A (Pork Chop Hill Road) is closed. CR A11A, from Eighth Street Extension to Hwy 65 is closed. State Roads 105, 94, 266 and 276 remain closed. Hwy 518 from Hwy 161 to Storrie Lake is closed. CR A17 in Mineral Hill is closed.

Evacuees leaving Mora must utilize Hwy. 434, 442 or 518 North to Taos. These roads will be open for evacuation only. No reentry will be allowed, and road blocks will be in place.

**Please remember that drones are still prohibited in the temporary flight restriction zone, outlined on the map. If drones enter the flight zone, firefighting aircraft are grounded.**

**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.

**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 unescorted.

**Property Losses:** To complete the Calf Canyon and Hermits Peak Property Damage Survey, fill out the online form: <https://forms.gle/f4fGE28AEGzZbbBKA>. For help with the survey please call 505-425-9333. You can also find information on the San Miguel County Website <https://co.sanmiguel.nm.us/>.

**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.

**Shelter sites:**

**San Miguel County:** Old Memorial Middle School gym, Legion St. Las Vegas, 505-429-0336  
Glorieta Adventure Camps, 11 NM-50, Glorieta NM 87535, Josh Nelson 505-757-6161 x 713  
San Miguel County Public Works, 10 Airport Road, Las Vegas- 505-652-8728  
Santa Rosa Convention Center, 1085 Blue Hole Road, Santa Rosa- Mayor Kotiar 505-507-1119

**Mora County:** Penasco High School gym, 13 Old School Road- Melissa Sandoval- 575-779-3057  
Red River Convention Center, 101 E. River St., Red River- 575-754-1708  
Taos County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds, 230 Camino de la Merced, Taos  
(For livestock, call Ruben Baca 575-770-1490).

**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.

**In Mora, the Taos County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds is being utilized for livestock.** Call Livestock Inspector Ruben Baca at 575-770-1490.

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

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

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

[https://cms6.revize.com/revize/sanmiguelcounty/FINAL-new-mexico-RSG-guide-2017\\_000.pdf](https://cms6.revize.com/revize/sanmiguelcounty/FINAL-new-mexico-RSG-guide-2017_000.pdf)

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