



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



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Daily Information Update

LAS VEGAS - This fire is going to keep growing, and more firefighters, heavy equipment operators, support crews, and incident command teams are being ordered. The weather has been unfavorable for weeks, and another Red Flag Warning is in place from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. This will continue to cause extreme fire behavior and rapid growth, especially to the north. Much of the fire's growth is in thick, heavy timber and steep, rugged terrain. Spotting distances could be as far as $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile today. Structure protection crews are moving into new communities likely to be impacted. Yesterday aircraft flew throughout the day. However, they were grounded at times on the south due to winds and on the north due to poor visibility. They plan to be active today as conditions allow. The Temporary Flight Restriction is now 70 miles long and applies to all drones and aircraft not working the fire. **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-notice/?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: On the southern end, winds west to southwest 28 to 32 mph with gusts to 45. In the Mora River Valley, west winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 30. Maximum temperatures lower 60's to mid-70's. Minimum relative humidity 5 to 14%.

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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