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

Daily Information Update

Las Vegas – Critical fire weather returns Friday and will continue through the weekend. Some areas are being repopulated as evacuation status is being reduced, please be mindful of fire personnel, aircraft, vehicles, and equipment that will be working. If any drones are launched in the Temporary Flight Restriction zone, all firefighting aircraft will be grounded immediately. Residents of San Miguel, Mora, Taos, Colfax and Santa Fe Counties should remain on high alert for changes to evacuation statuses and road closures.

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

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

Restrictions: Santa Fe National Forest Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District closure order and map: <u>fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprd3802009</u>. BLM New Mexico Fire Restrictions <u>https://tinyurl.com/BLMNewMexico</u>.

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: Today will see the warming and drying trend continue as the upper-level ridge builds over our area. Daytime temperatures will be in the upper 60s mid 70s with minimum relative humidity values dropping into the 9-15% range. Winds will be out of the northwest at 10-15 mph with gusts to 20 mph and slightly higher on ridges.

Smoke: An interactive smoke map at <u>https://fire.airnow.gov/</u> 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. Available livestock feed is located at the San Miguel Counties Public Works on 10 Airport Road.

Federal Disaster Assistance: Visit <u>http://www.disasterassistance.gov/</u> 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: Fire Information Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Phone: 505-356-2636 | Email: <u>2022.hermitspeak@firenet.gov</u> - Online: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8069/ | facebook.com/CalfCanyonHermitsPeak | nmfireinfo.com | tinyurl.com/HermitsYouTube | Santa Fe NF 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.

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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