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

Daily Information Update

Las Vegas — Air resources were able to engage in several hours of operations yesterday before wind speeds became unsafe. Wind-driven spot fires challenged lines in the West and South Zones. Cooler temperatures and an injection of moisture in the area today should aid firefighters in their efforts in all zones. Residents of San Miguel, Mora, Taos, and Colfax Counties should remain on high alert for changes to evacuation statuses and road closures. Stage 3 forest-wide closures for the Santa Fe and Carson National Forest are in effect.

<u>Please be advised that drones are prohibited in the temporary flight restriction zone which is outlined on 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: fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprd3802009. BLM New Mexico Fire Restrictions https://tinyurl.com/BLMNewMexico.

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: Increased moisture from the north and lighter winds will arrive during the day, with minimum humidity falling to around 25 percent. A cold front sweeping in from the northeast Saturday evening is expected to bring a surge of east to northeast winds.

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.

<u>LIVESTOCK OWNERS:</u> 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 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 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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