

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



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High winds from different directions are pushing the fire into new areas. Please read carefully, as evacuation status' are changing.

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 and Manuelitas.

In Mora County, Penasco Blanco, South Carmen, Ledoux, Upper Morphy, Santiago Creek, Abuelo and Puertocito are all still in Go status.

SET (prepare for evacuation, colored yellow): In San Miguel County, East and West Sapello and Emplazado have been added to set status.

In Mora County, South Mora is currently in SET status.

READY (get ready for possible evacuation, colored red): No areas are currently in READY status in San Miguel County.

In Mora County, North Mora, Buena Vista and Rito Cebolla are currently in Ready status.

The evacuation map is attached. 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 post office, 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.

Road closures in Mora County include C001, State Road 94 at LeDoux Hill. County Road A011 is closed south from the roadblock approximately 1.5 miles from 518.

<u>Please remember that drones are still prohibited in the temporary flight restriction zone, outlined</u> 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.

<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.

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

Mora County: Penasco High School gym, 13 Old School Road- Melissa Sandoval- 575-779-3057

Taos Youth and Family Center 407 Paseo del Canon

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.

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.