

# San Miguel County News Release

## Hermit Peak Current Fire Evacuations



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**Las Vegas, NM 12:00 pm** –Winds are finally going to be more calm today. Aircraft has been flying and continues to make progress. The Incident Command team is becoming more confident in the fire line. All communities have been downgraded to Set and Ready status, which means all residents can go home, but must remain ready and prepared for a potential evacuation. Those areas in Set status will be open to residents only, and include Pendaries, Canoncito, San Ignacio, Lone Pine Mesa, and the area on the map identified as Chavez. Set areas are colored Yellow. Those areas that have downgraded to Ready include La Canada, Las Tusas, Las Dispensas, Lower Canyon Road in Gallinas, Trout Springs, Gallinas, El Porvenir, Porvenir Canyon, Canovas Canyon and Big Pine. These areas are identified in Red. Ready status means that residents should be ready for a potential evacuation. All other areas that have been previously identified are released from evacuation status at this time. The SM County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement, in conjunction with the US Forest Service have been and will continue evaluating conditions and evacuation status, as our primary focus will continue to be on safety for residents and first responders. All residents need to be aware that some smoke may still exist in spots, and crews will continue to work on those areas. Smoke isn't a reason for concern at this time. Please note that drones have been spotted in close proximity to the flight zone, and they are not permitted. Maps of the flight zone and evacuation areas will be distributed soon.

**Road Closures:** NM Hwy 94 and NM Hwy 518 remain open. County Road A3 is open to residents only. NM Hwy 266 and County Road A3A are open to residents only. A30 to Pendaries and A4A to Canoncito are open to residents only.

**Shelter site for residents and small animals:** The Old Memorial Middle School gym will remain open for those who choose to utilize it. The contact number at the shelter is 505-429-0336. Please stop by for supplies, if you need water, snacks or personal hygiene. WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE OUTPOURING OF DONATIONS! At this time, we have more than we need, so please don't bring more! If the need for additional supplies arises, we'll update the request.

**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.

**Structural Losses:** At this time, one semi-permanent structure has been damaged. 6 outbuildings and 2 RVs have been damaged or lost. The owners of these damaged structures have been notified.

**Power Restoration:** Power has been restored in the areas of Las Dispensas, Gallinas, El Porvenir and Trout Springs.

**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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