



SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM TEAM 1 – Carl Schwope – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Suppression efforts continue on Calf Canyon Fire

April 21, 2022, Daily Update, 10:00AM

Acres: 123 acres
Cause: Under investigation
Containment: 0%
Total personnel: 99

Start Date: April 19, 2022
Location: Located near Gallinas Canyon
Fuels: Mixed conifer

Highlights: Despite weather conditions yesterday, crews had a lot of success along the southern edge of the fire. Air resources were able to complete water and retardant drops to assist ground crews. Today crews will continue to work on the northern side of the fire. Team 1 had a virtual community meeting last night for the Hermit's Peak and Calf Canyon Fires. It was recorded and can be viewed on the Santa Fe National Forest Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/santafeNF>. The safety of firefighters and the public remains our number one priority. Please slow down on the roads and use caution when encountering firefighters and equipment.

Operations: Crews made good progress yesterday with control lines on the southwest, south, and southeast edges of the fire. Aerial support included 2,000-gallon bucket drops of water from helicopters and several retardant drops. On the southeast corner, crews constructed line from Burro Canyon and up into Young Canyon. During overnight operations, engine crews were patrolling the area to seek out any pockets of heat. Fuels are extremely dry, and today is an important day for the crews to continue line construction on the north side before the high winds on Friday. The fire is terrain driven, and very active fire behavior is expected with burning in the crowns of the trees and the potential for long-range spotting. Crews will stay vigilant in the upcoming critical fire weather days.

Evacuations: Due to the Calf Canyon Fire, the evacuation status and road closures are currently being assessed by the San Miguel County Sheriff's Office, using the Ready, Set, Go! system. Stay tuned and alert for updated details on evacuation orders on the San Miguel County Sheriff's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/smcso.nm>.

Weather: Today is a Red Flag day with warm, dry, and breezy conditions and southwest winds of 15-20 mph expected, with occasional gusts over 30 mph and climbing temperatures. Tomorrow afternoon brings a critical wind event with extremely high wind speeds and 55-70 mph gusts expected, along with the highest temperatures of the season. A cold front is expected next week.

Restrictions: The Santa Fe National Forest has issued a closure order to protect public health and safety during fire operations on the Calf Canyon Fire. Full closure order and map are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/santafe/home>. The Santa Fe National Forest expects to implement Stage II fire restrictions soon. The temporary flight restriction (TFR) in place over the area was expanded to include the Gallinas Canyon area. The TFR also covers unmanned aircraft, or drones. More information on the dangers drones pose to wildland firefighting aircraft and personnel on the ground can be found at: www.nifc.gov/drones.

Smoke: Smoke will continue from the Calf Canyon Fire. Strong winds and blowing dust will impact the area. Brief periods of reduced visibilities may be encountered along NM 518, especially during the evening and nighttime hours between Las Vegas, Sapello, and Storrie Lake State Park due to smoke and blowing dust. Please exercise caution if traveling. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. An interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

Future Fire Information: The Calf Canyon Fire Information office hours are 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. The phone number for Information is 505-398-1151. 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](#).

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