



# **SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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## **Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires May 5, 2022, Daily Update, 09:00AM**

**Acres:** 165,276 acres - **Containment:** 20% - **Total personnel:** 1,284

**Start Date:** Hermits Peak: April 6, 2022; Calf Canyon: April 19, 2022

**Cause:** Hermits Peak: spot fires from prescribed burn; Calf Canyon: under investigation

**Location:** Located near Gallinas Canyon - **Fuels:** Heavy mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, brush, and grass

**Highlights:** Fire resources made good progress constructing line and performing structure protection around the fire yesterday. Efforts continue to secure containment lines ahead of high temperatures and winds this weekend. Please respect all closures and allow firefighting resources to work safely. Firefighter and public safety will continue to be the number one priority.

**Operations:** Air resources, hand crews and heavy equipment had good success holding dozer line along the west side of the City of Las Vegas and NM Highway 283 yesterday. The primary focus of firefighting efforts will be containment line construction around the perimeter of the fire, as well as structure protection throughout the fire area. A two-day window of more favorable weather will give firefighters a chance to take proactive measures ahead of elevated temperatures and high winds predicted for this weekend. Today on the eastern flank of the fire, construction will continue on dozer line east of NM Highway 518 to catch the fire in the event that winds this weekend push the fire across the highway. On the north end of the fire, two structure protection groups are engaged in communities as crews and equipment reinforce line north of Mora and Cleveland, up to Holman, to prevent further fire growth in that direction. On the south/ southeast edge of the fire, structure protection measures will be in place around homes and communities that are still under threat, including Mineral Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods. Crews and heavy equipment continue to strengthen and hold containment lines along the west side of the City of Las Vegas and HWY 283. Structure protection resources are imbedded in communities where there is still active fire along the western flank as crews work to establish containment line to prevent further spread to the west. Continuous air operations, both fixed wing and helicopter, will support work on the ground in most divisions while the weather remains favorable for flying.



**Evacuations:** Scan the QR code here for the latest evacuation map or visit the [ArcGIS Map](#). The San Miguel and Mora County Sheriffs ask that all residents within the fire area remain on high alert for changes to evacuation statuses and road closures. It is imperative to respect closures and follow evacuation orders. Please follow San Miguel County and Mora County Sheriff's Facebook pages for the latest updates at <https://www.facebook.com/smcsco.nm> and <https://www.facebook.com/moracountysheriffoffice>.

**Weather:** West to northwest winds of 10 to 15 mph in the morning will increase to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Wind gusts will be around 30 mph. Maximum temperatures will top out from around 60 degrees to the lower 70s. Minimum relative humidity values will be 7 to 13%.

**Restrictions:** The Santa Fe National Forest has expanded the closure order due to the fire to include the entire Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District and has implemented forest-wide Stage 2 fire restrictions. Full closure order and map are available at [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprd3802009](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprd3802009).

**Smoke:** 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 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](mailto: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](#).