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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Hello Taos County constituents. The events surrounding the Calf Canyon/Hermit's Peak fire that is currently burning in San Miguel, Mora, Colfax, and Taos Counties has rightfully caused great concern and compassion within our communities. While this incident is an unprecedented event, our pre-planning and pre-staged resources, along with our Local, State, and Federal Partners, Red Cross, and many other community groups, are making the best of a very bad situation.

Your Taos County Management Team understands your concerns. However, it is important to mention that **911 is NOT** an information hotline. Dispatchers are tasked with real emergencies so please **DO NOT** call 911 unless you have a true emergency to report. For fire information and shelters log on to inciweb.nwcg.gov, call (505)356-2636, or visit the Santa Fe National Forest Facebook page.

To correct any misinformation, I want to share the following, so everyone knows what **Ready – Set – Go** evacuation status is and where the local shelters are operating.

Ready – Set – Go defined

LEVEL 1: “READY” for potential evacuation. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area - it is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property, and pets/livestock.. **THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE.** Have your “GO Bag” ready.

LEVEL 2: “BE SET” to evacuate. **YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AT A MOMENT’S NOTICE.** There is a significant threat/danger to your area. Residents should voluntarily relocate now. **THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE YOU RECEIVE.**

LEVEL 3: “GO” Evacuate NOW - LEAVE IMMEDIATELY! Danger to your area is current and imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. **DO NOT** delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE.** Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are safe.

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Areas within Taos County that are in evacuation stage(s):

GO status – HWY518 from mm 52 (Sipapu Resort) east to the Mora County line. HWY 518 is closed at MM52.

SET status – HWY518 from Rockwall to MM52(Sipapu Resort).

READY status – US64 from MM260 east to the Colfax County line.



Scan the QR code here for the latest evacuation map or visit the ArcGIS Map at;

<https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=bf95b09412840c0afd99626ea2bee4f>

Shelters in Taos County:

Peñasco High School

Address: 13 Old School Rd, Peñasco, NM 87553
Contact: (575)-587-2502

Juan Gonzales AG Center

202 Camisa Rd Taos, NM 87571
Contact: Bobby Lucero (575) 779-9381

Red River Convention Center

Address: 101 E River Street, Red River, NM 87558
Contact: (575)-754-1708

Taos County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds

(For RV's and those with livestock)(meals will be delivered)
Address: 230 Camino de la Merced, Taos, NM 87571
For Livestock, please call Livestock Inspector: Ruben Baca (575)-770-1490

Other Services Include:

Taos Youth & Family Center (access to showers)

6:00 am - 6:00 pm
407 Paseo del Canon East Taos, NM 8757

To donate food, clothing, money, etc. visit the American Red Cross webpage.

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