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EVACUATION UPDATE

May 26, 2022

Effective immediately, the communities of **Hidden Lake**, **Black Lake Resort**, and **Black Lake** have been downgraded to "READY" status from "SET". Residents from these areas should remain prepared as of 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

The status for all evacuation areas within Colfax County remain unchanged.

READY status:

- Vietnam Memorial Area
- Taos Pines
- Village of Angel Fire
- Black Lake
- Black Lake Resort
- Hidden Lake

Favorable weather conditions, combined with excellent suppression efforts have allowed for the repopulation of these previously evacuated communities. The Colfax County Sheriff's Office in consultation with the Colfax County Emergency Management, and with California Interagency Incident Management Team 2 sincerely thank the impacted communities for your patience as the firefighting efforts have progressed.

While there is no immediate threat to Colfax County, residents should always be prepared for unexpected events, including wildland fires. For information on how to best prepare, you can visit www.ready.gov.

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Additionally, Public Service Announcements can be viewed at the Sheriff's web page at the following sites: http://www.co.colfax.nm.us/government/sheriff-s-department.php, https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064625351892&refsrc=deprecated&-rdr, https://www.facebook.com/Colfax-County-Sheriffs-Office-New-Mexico-971817152850308, https://nmfireinfo.com/

You can also call the Fire information Line: 505-356-2636.

There may be a high number of Firefighters and Fire apparatus on the roads. Remain vigilant as the downgraded status could change with a new start or changes in upcoming weather.

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