

Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires

June 7, 2022, Daily Update, 08:00 AM



Acres: 318,172 | **Containment:** 65% | **Total personnel:** 2,937 |

Start Date: Hermits Peak: April 6, 2022; Calf Canyon: April 19, 2022 | **Cause:** Hermits Peak: Spot fires from prescribed burn; Calf Canyon: Holdover fire from prescribed pile burn | **Location:** Located near Gallinas Canyon | **Fuels:** Heavy mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, brush, and grass

Highlights: Please avoid areas still in "Set" status unless you are a resident of those areas under evacuation notice. Unnecessary traffic poses a hazard to firefighters, personnel, equipment operators, and the public. Property owners whose properties have sustained damage from fire suppression activities are asked to fill out the online Property Owner Suppression Repair Survey: <https://tinyurl.com/suppressionrepair>. If you are in an evacuated area and don't know if your property was damaged in active fire suppression, we still encourage you to complete this form which will assist fire officials and the county in evaluating properties and contacting property owners.

Operations:

North Zone (PNW2): With increased temperatures and lower relative humidity, smoke may become more visible around the fire perimeter. Firefighters continue to monitor and patrol the perimeter and all fire activity observed has been in interior pockets of unburned fuel. A Wildland Fire Module used infrared technology to find hot spots on the northwest flank of the fire yesterday and continued to mop up the perimeter between Ripley Point south to Serpent Lake. Today, heavy equipment and crews will continue contingency fireline construction from upper Llano ridge south to Forest Road 207 and then using existing roads and trails, they will continue that work down to the Borrego Fire burn scar and South Zone operations. In advance of forecasted thunderstorm activity beginning tomorrow, suppression repair continues on and inside the fire perimeter near Guadalupita and south to Lucero. Small excavators, graders and crews are being used to naturalize firelines constructed during active suppression by breaking down dirt berms, filling in lines and placing woody debris and rocks on the repaired lines. This is meant to minimize erosion in the event of flash flooding. Heavy equipment will continue with the construction of the shaded fuel break north of the fire and southwest of Angel Fire today. Crews are also backhauling equipment to the Incident Command Post to be inspected and repackaged for future incidents.

South Zone (SWIMT2): Firefighters are using various tactics for fighting the fire in and around the Pecos Wilderness. The winds have been favorable, and strategic firing operations are occurring in a controlled manner with support from air resources. These operations are reviewed and assessed daily. The purpose is to slow and stop fire progression. The control line is in from the Iron Gate Campground to Beatty's Cabin and north to the divide, where it will tie in with the North Zone. Miles of hose has been laid and primed for water use if necessary. Around the rest of the fire perimeter, excess equipment is being relocated to where it's most needed. On the southwest side, crews are patrolling the area, cooling remaining hot spots, and have begun chipping slash. Suppression repair assessments have started around Mineral Hills and San Geronimo to determine the work to be done. Suppression repair work also continues around the eastern perimeter. This work aims to return the environment to a more natural state and prevent erosion.

Evacuations: To view real-time evacuation information around the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires, visit: tinyurl.com/HermitsPeak for the evacuation map. The Ready, Set, Go evacuation guide is available in English and Spanish here: <https://tinyurl.com/RSGNM>

Weather: Warm temperatures in the mid-70s to low 80s are forecasted today, but cloud cover will move in through the afternoon with the possibility of thunderstorms beginning today and extending through the next few days. Relative humidity will increase today between 17-45% with winds out of the southwest, transitioning to southeast through the evening hours with gusts to 25 mph.

Closures and Restrictions: All National Forests in New Mexico have closures or restrictions in place due to extreme fire danger. To learn more about these closures and restrictions, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/bdy5y99r>. Information related to fire restrictions across public and private land can be found at: <https://nmfireinfo.com/fire-restrictions/>.

After Fire Flooding and Recovery Resources: After Wildfire New Mexico guide <https://www.afterwildfirenm.org/> | Hermits Peak & Calf Canyon Fire Burned Area Emergency Response information <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8104/>.

Smoke: An interactive smoke map at fire.airnow.gov/ allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

Fire Information: Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Phone: 505-356-2636 | Email: 2022.hermitspeak@firenet.gov
Online: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8069/ | <https://www.facebook.com/CalfCanyonHermitsPeak> | nmfireinfo.com | tinyurl.com/HermitsYouTube | [Santa Fe NF](https://www.santa-fe.nf.gov) |

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