

Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires

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Acres: 319,841 | **Containment:** 67% | **Total personnel:** 2,685 |

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: Areas in "Set" evacuation status are open to residents only. Firefighters and heavy equipment are still working in these areas, and additional traffic from non-residents poses a hazard to fire personnel and the public. Please fill out the Private Property Suppression Repair Survey (<https://tinyurl.com/suppressionrepair>) if your property sustained damage from suppression activities. This information will assist fire officials and counties in evaluating properties and contacting owners.

Operations:

North Zone (SWIMT1): Yesterday, crews were able to achieve more containment on the northern perimeter of the fire. The perimeter from Angostura to Martinez Pond has not shown any growth or heat in several days, and fire managers anticipate adding containment in that area in the coming days. A hotshot crew and wildland fire module have been mopping up interior pockets of heat from Ripley Point down to Serpent Lake to ensure that no embers threaten the firelines on the west. Work continues today on the shaded fuelbreak north of the fire area. Feller-bunchers are selectively thinning trees between NM Highway 64 and the Luna Fire burn scar, completing approximately ½ mile every day. Similar work is happening to connect the line from the Luna Fire burn scar to the Pot Creek area near NM Highway 518, with the heavy equipment completing approximately one mile every day. Suppression repair crews continue to focus on the east side of the fire, repairing dozer and hand line constructed during active suppression. Crews and excavators are breaking down dirt berms, naturalizing firelines and placing woody debris over the newly repaired lines to minimize erosion. Firefighters will also continue chipping small-diameter trees and branches to eliminate any large accumulations of roadside woody debris.

South Zone (SWIMT2): Scattered showers over the fire yesterday helped minimize fire movement. However, the fire will become more active over the next few days as winds increase, temperatures rise and humidity drops. Yesterday the fire was most active in the Trampas Fire (2022) burn scar moving into Mora Flats. Water drops were made by helicopters early in the day, but afternoon storms grounded air operations. Air resources will continue with water drops to cool and slow the fire's edge as weather allows. Control lines are in place, and hoses are laid along the line and primed with water should they be needed. A wildland fire module specializing in wilderness firefighting remains at Beatty's Cabin to monitor the fire and act if necessary. Around Upper and Lower Colonias and Barillas Peak, crews are chipping and spreading slash and evaluating other suppression repair needs. Crews remain in the Mineral Hills area doing repair work and are finishing up repair activities on the east perimeter.

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> For disaster assistance resources, visit: <https://www.nmdhsem.org/2022-wildfires/>

Weather: Hot and dry weather will be returning to the fire area the next few days with a slight chance of isolated dry thunderstorms today. Minimum relative humidity will decrease in the next few days as temperatures climb, reaching close to 90 degrees in the valley and into the upper 70s across the higher terrain.

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.

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