

Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires

June 11, 2022, Daily Update, 08:00 AM



Acres: 320,009 | **Containment:** 67% | **Total personnel:** 2,597 |

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: Fire behavior may increase with continued hot and dry conditions across the fire area today. Firefighters will continue suppression repair around the fire. Please fill out the Private Property Suppression Repair Survey if your property sustained damage from suppression activities. (<https://tinyurl.com/suppressionrepair>) This information will assist fire officials and counties in evaluating properties and contacting owners.

Resources from the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires were sent to support firefighting efforts on the Midnight Fire on the Carson National Forest yesterday. This fire was estimated last night to be 500 acres and is burning at the edge of private lands in Potrero Canyon. It currently has 0% containment. More than 200 firefighters as well as air resources will remain engaged in that area today. For emergency alerts in Rio Arriba County, sign up here: <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/i/6807>

Operations:

North Zone (SWIMT1): Yesterday, crews continued construction of contingency lines from Ripley Point west to Hodges Campground and have been continuing south to connect firelines into the Borrego Fire burn scar. With much of the western fire perimeter uncontained, fire managers have continued construction of this fireline to protect values at risk to the west and north if fire behavior increases in that area. As part of this construction, feller-bunchers are removing trees and masticators are working to chip smaller diameter material to create a fireline void of vegetation. Crews and heavy equipment will continue operations on the shaded fuel break from Pot Creek near NM Highway 518 on the west to the private land boundary near Black Lake on NM Highway 434 and north to NM Highway 64. Suppression repair continues around Chacon today, with firefighters working south down NM Highway 121 along the fire perimeter. Additional crews will be working along and inside the northeast fire perimeter, repairing firelines and constructing water bars on steep slopes to minimize resource damage when monsoon rains arrive.

South Zone (SWIMT2): Fire behavior was moderated yesterday, with the most activity occurring near the Rio Mora. Firefighters utilized helicopters to check the fire's edge and keep it from crossing the river. Air support is expected to continue today. Fire behavior could increase today with the potential for record high temperatures. However, winds will be a favorable west to southwest the next few days, which should help push the fire back into itself. The wildland fire module remains in place at Beatty's Cabin to monitor the fire and act if necessary. Control lines are complete with miles of hose laid and primed with water should it be needed. On the southwest corner of the fire, chipping and spreading slash continues, and crews will begin working on other suppression repair activities. Suppression repair groups have completed work on the east side. They are now focused on the southern edge and the Mineral Hills area. Over 250 miles of dozer line have been identified for repair over the next several weeks, in addition to reseeding, fixing fences, and installing erosion control features.

Evacuations: To view real-time evacuation information around the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires, visit: <https://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: Continued hot and dry weather will persist today and through the weekend bringing critical fire weather conditions on Monday. Temperatures are expected to be in the mid-80s with a 15-40% relative humidity and a small chance of isolated thunderstorms. Winds will be out of the west-northwest today with sustained winds around 13 mph and 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
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