

Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires

June 23, 2022, Daily Update, 08:00 AM



Acres: 341,471 | **Containment:** 72% | **Total personnel:** 1,572 |

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: Wetting rains have blanketed much of the area within the fire perimeter. While fire activity is limited to smoldering in heavy fuels, warming temperatures and lower humidity on Thursday and Friday will likely lead to increased smoke from smoldering fuels. Containment continues to be confirmed at 72%. Rough terrain and weather conditions have hindered confirmation of any additional containment. With a total fire perimeter of approximately 680 miles, firefighters would have to “cold trail” – i.e., carefully inspect and feel for heat with a bare hand – about 6.8 miles of perimeter to add just 1% to containment. The next community update will be livestreamed via Facebook tomorrow, Friday, June 24, at 6 p.m.

North Zone (SWIMT3): SW Area Incident Management Team 3 under Incident Commander Lance Elmore assumed command of the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires at 7 a.m. this morning. Firefighters will continue to be in the area for some time as suppression repair and reinforcement of contingency lines are completed.

South Zone (SWIMT5): Minimal fire activity was observed again yesterday. Isolated heat sources may continue to smolder in the Pecos Wilderness above the Pecos River, Rio Mora and Bear Creek. Heavier and more widespread precipitation yesterday afternoon and overnight further extinguished heat sources across the fire area. Rain is expected to decrease today, but higher relative humidity is not likely to support a return to active fire behavior. The fire area will still see isolated showers and thunderstorms each afternoon, which are not expected to be as widespread as the past several days. Crews will be ready to support flood response as well as suppression repair where possible. Weather could alter operations in the coming days depending on precipitation amounts.

Evacuations: For updated evacuation information from the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires: www.tinyurl.com/hermitspeak. 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: Showers and isolated thunderstorms will continue off and on through the morning with an additional one-half to one inch of precipitation expected. Locally higher amounts are possible at higher elevations. Temperatures will trend up a few degrees from yesterday with minimum humidity values approximately 10% lower as somewhat drier air begins to move in by the afternoon.

Closures and Restrictions: The Santa Fe and Carson National Forests will lift Stage 3 fire restrictions for most of their districts on Friday at 8 a.m. The Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires closure order covering the Pecos/Las Vegas District of the Santa Fe National Forest will remain in place. 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/>.

Suppression Repair Property Survey: <https://www.tinyurl.com/suppressionrepair>

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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