



Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires July 8, 2022, Update

Acres: 341,735 | **Containment:** 93% | **Total personnel:** 391 |

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:** near Gallinas Canyon | **Fuels:** Heavy mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, brush, and grass

Highlights: The Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires are no longer split into two zones and are now being managed as one fire by Great Basin Incident Management Team 7 under Incident Commander Mike Johnston.

Crews are working on the northern part of the fire cleaning ditches and repairing roads used during suppression. Work with landowners continues, fixing fences that were cut during suppression operations, chipping brush, repairing roads, and removing debris from roadways and waterways around Mora, Holman, Guadalupita, Chacon, and along NM Highways 518 and 434 corridors.

Resources continue to repair hand and dozer line on the west side of the fire. Excavators in the southern portion of the fire remain busy repairing dozer line. On the east side of the fire area, a 20-person hand crew along with overhead staff are continuing to scout, validate, and repair areas that have been identified through the 'Suppression Repair Form.' Personnel continue to scout areas across the fire and will work on repair when safe to access. Personnel are also identifying suppression repairs which will be done at a later time.

Firefighters assigned to the incident are available to assist the local unit on any new fire starts in the area. Fire resources will continue to be released from the incident due to the reduction in fire activity.

Closures and Restrictions: Area closures remain in place for both the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests. These closures are in place for ongoing wildfire suppression repair operations and to protect public health and safety in the event of debris flow and flash flooding. The wildfire suppression repair operations include but are not limited to hazard tree felling, road repair and stabilization, heavy equipment use, and fire line repair efforts. For the latest information about the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires closure orders for both the Santa Fe National Forest and Carson National Forest, please see the links to each forest's websites below. Information related to fire restrictions across public and private land can be found at: <https://nmfireinfo.com/fire-restrictions/>.

Weather: A chance for moisture this weekend remains with a potential uptick on Saturday followed by a drier day on Sunday. Another surge of moisture will increase chances again next week. The overall threat for widespread flooding and debris flow remains low but would increase greatly should a strong, slow-moving storm move over a high-severity burn area.

After Fire Flooding and Recovery Resources: For disaster assistance resources: <https://www.nmdhsem.org/2022-wildfires/> | 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/> | New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center: 1-800-432-2080.

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

Fire Information: Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Phone: 505-356-2636 | Email: 2022.hermitspeak@firenet.gov

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