

Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires July 10, 2022, Update

Acres: 341,735 | Containment: 93% | Total personnel: 351 | 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 being managed by Great Basin Incident Management Team 7 under Incident Commander Mike Johnston.

Crews are working suppression repair, which is a series of actions taken immediately after the fire to repair damages and minimize potential soil erosion and impacts resulting from suppression activities. This work usually begins before the fire is fully contained and before an Incident Management Team is demobilized. Resources are repairing the hand and dozer lines, roads, trails, staging areas, safety zones, and drop points used during fire suppression.

In the past two weeks, 22 miles of dozer line, and eight (8) miles of hand line were repaired, along with seven (7) miles of road repairs completed. 64 private suppression repair requests were completed, along with 172 isolated locations.

Work continues on the northern portion of the fire; crews are cleaning ditches and repairing roads used during suppression. They are also working with landowners, fixing fences that were cut during suppression operations, chipping brush, repairing roads, and removing debris from roadways and waterways. 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, firefighters are making good progress on areas that have been identified through the 'Suppression Repair Form.' Personnel are also identifying suppression repairs which will be done at a later time due to current weather and soil conditions.

Firefighters assigned to the incident are available to assist the local unit with any new fire starts in the area.

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: Another surge of moisture will increase precipitation chances Monday and then again Tuesday as activity becomes more widespread on Tuesday due to a cold front from the northeast. Elevated precipitation chances are expected to persist through much of next week.

After Fire Flooding and Recovery Resources: For disaster assistance resources: <u>https://www.nmdhsem.org/2022-wildfires/</u>] After Wildfire New Mexico guide: <u>https://www.afterwildfirenm.org/</u>] Hermits Peak & Calf Canyon Fire Burned Area Emergency Response information: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8104/</u> [New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center: 1-800-432-2080.

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

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

Online: <u>inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8069/</u> | <u>https://www.facebook.com/CalfCanyonHermitsPeak</u> | <u>nmfireinfo.com</u> | <u>tinyurl.com/HermitsYouTube</u> | <u>Santa Fe National Forest</u> | <u>Carson National Forest</u>