



SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Containment increases as crews contend with wet conditions

July 29, 2022 – Calf Canyon Fire Update

Acres: 341,735 | **Containment:** 94% | **Total personnel:** 417 |
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:** 12 miles NW of Las Vegas, NM | **Fuels:** Heavy mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, brush, and grass

Highlights: Containment increased to 94%. Containment is a measure of line constructed and use of natural barriers around the fire. A fire that reaches 100% containment will eventually be called controlled but does not necessarily mean the fire is out. Controlled means the containment line is holding. Fires can remain controlled for weeks or months while interior pockets continue to smolder or unburned pockets may show heat on satellite images.

Operations: Yesterday, weather continued to impact suppression repair efforts on parts of the burn area. Crews were able to complete repair efforts in Bull Canyon and will continue to scout the Skyline Trail to determine what work is needed to repair the trail. Crews completed excavator work near NM Highway 240 working toward Grass Mountain and will continue north once conditions begin to dry out. Several more days of work are expected south of Monastery. Progress was made on firelines near Gallegos Lookout along with culvert installation near NM Highway 182. Crews also assisted communities near Black Lake, Holman, Ledoux, and Chacon. Suppression repair work consists of chipping, fence repair, road improvements, culvert installation, erosion prevention, soil stabilization, and hazard removal.

Closures and Restrictions: Area closures remain in effect 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. For the latest Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires closure orders information for both the Santa Fe and Carson National Forests, please see the links to each forest's website below. Information related to fire restrictions across public and private land can be found at: <https://nmfireinfo.com/fire-restrictions/>.

Weather: Yesterday, scattered thunderstorms developed in the afternoon and evening with northeast movement. Areas from Taos County to Rociada and west of Mora received up to half an inch. Additional storms were isolated over the I-25 corridor and portions of the fire by late afternoon. Occasional cloud to ground lightning and localized flooding of draws and creeks is possible. Scattered to numerous afternoon showers and thunderstorms remain in the forecast into this weekend with drying early next week. Temperatures will remain average to a little below average into this weekend.

Fire Flooding and Recovery Resources: Disaster Assistance Resources: <https://www.nmdhsem.org/2022-wildfires/> | After Wildfire New Mexico Guide: <https://www.afterwildfirenm.org/> | Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires Burned Area Emergency Response: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8104/>

For questions or concerns related to flooding, please call the **New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-432-2080**. For federal disaster assistance, please call the **FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362**.

Private Land Suppression Repair Survey (English and Spanish): <https://www.tinyurl.com/suppressionrepair>

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

Online Fire Information Resources: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8069/ | <https://www.facebook.com/santafeNF/> | nmfireinfo.com | [Santa Fe National Forest Twitter](#) | tinyurl.com/HermitsYouTube | [Santa Fe National Forest](#) | [Carson National Forest](#)