



SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Some fire area closures reduced; flooding continues to impact forest areas and suppression repair operations

August 3, 2022 – Calf Canyon Fire Update

Acres: 341,735 | **Containment:** 98% | **Total personnel:** 389 |
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 has increased to 98%. A revised closure order is in effect on the Carson Nation Forest. Fire managers continue to assess containment daily. Crews are working to keep roads open that have been impacted by debris flows within the fire area.

Operations: Yesterday, weather conditions provided an opportunity for crews to make progress on suppression repair efforts across the fire area. This includes brushing, chipping, fence repair, and grading operations. Firefighters also responded to a new start off Pot Creek Road, highlighting the potential for new starts caused by lightning strikes from storms moving across the area.

Today, crews will continue working on soil stabilization, erosion control, road improvement and other actions until suppression repair is complete.

Closures and Restrictions: The fire area closure was reduced on the Carson National Forest on Tuesday. The Santa Fe fire area closure is also under review to see if any areas can be safely reopened. Closures remain in effect to protect public health and safety during wildfire suppression repair operations and from potential post-fire hazards such as flooding and debris flows. Area closures may change as suppression repair activities are completed, and the monsoon season ends. 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 any remaining can be found at: <https://nmfireinfo.com/fire-restrictions/>.

Weather: The incident area observed a reduction in storm activity yesterday. As warmer, dry air begins moving out today, a high-pressure system will shift north, bringing scattered afternoon storms back to the area. Later this week, heavy rainfall and an increased risk of flooding is anticipated.

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](https://www.nmfireinfo.com) | [Santa Fe National Forest Twitter](#) | [tinyurl.com/HermitsYouTube](https://www.tinyurl.com/HermitsYouTube) | [Santa Fe National Forest](#) | [Carson National Forest](#)