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San Miguel/ Mora County News Release Calf Canyon/ Hermits Peak Fire

Flash Flood Warning

Las Vegas – The National Weather Service in Albuquerque has issued a Flash Flood Warning for The Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Burn Scar in South Central Taos County in north central New Mexico, Western Mora County in northeastern New Mexico and Northwestern San Miguel County in northeastern New Mexico.

* Until 530 PM MDT.

At 1139 AM MDT, Doppler radar indicated thunderstorms producing heavy rain over the northwestern Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Burn Scar. Between 0.5 and 0.75 inches of rain have fallen. Flash flooding is ongoing or expected to begin shortly. Excessive rainfall over the burn scar will impact the headwaters of the Rio la Casa that flows just south of the community of Cleveland and into the Mora River. Any debris flows can consist of large torrents of water, rock, mud, ash, burned vegetation and other loose materials.

HAZARD...Thunderstorms producing heavy rainfall over the northwestern part of the Hermits Peak-Calf Canyon wildfire burn scar.

IMPACT... Excessive runoff and life-threatening flash flooding and possible debris flows over areas in and around the Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Burn Scar.

* Some locations that will experience flash flooding include... Mora, Ledoux, Morphy Lake State Park, Cleveland, Tierra Monte, La Cueva, Holman, Golondrinas, El Turquillo, San Ignacio and Guadalupita.

This includes the following recreation areas... Morphy Lake State Park.

*The following highways may be impacted: State Road 518 between Mile Markers 9 and 47. State Road 434 between Mile Markers 0 and 14.

Please stay up to date by listening to local radio and television for further information. Local officials may call for evacuations in specific areas with the greatest risk.

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