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## **San Miguel County News Release Calf Canyon/ Hermits Peak Fire**

### **Flash Flood Warning**

**San Miguel County** – The National Weather Service in Albuquerque has issued a Flash Flood Warning for The Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Burn Scar in Northwestern San Miguel County in northeastern New Mexico.

\* Until 800 PM MDT.

\* At 204 PM MDT, Doppler radar indicated slow-moving thunderstorms expanding and producing heavy rain over the southern portions of the Hermits Peak-Calf Canyon wildfire Burn Scar. Flash flooding is ongoing or expected to begin shortly.

Excessive rainfall over the burn scar will impact the Tecolote Creek and Gallinas River drainage areas including Cabo Lucero Creek, Canon Mesteno, Ojitos Frios Creek, Tecolote Creek, Porvenir Canyon, Arroyo Pecos, Agua Zarca and Vegosa Creek. Any possible debris flows can consist of torrents of water, rock, mud, ash, burned vegetation and other loose materials.

HAZARD... Strong and slow-moving thunderstorms producing heavy rainfall in and around the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Burn Scar.

SOURCE...Radar.

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

\* Some locations that will experience flash flooding include... Las Vegas, El Porvenir, Montezuma, Storrie Lake State Park, Mineral Hill, Gallinas, San Geronimo, San Pablo and Ojitos Frios.

This includes the following highways... State Road 283 between Mile Markers 1 and 12...and near Mile Marker 14. State Road 65 between Mile Markers 1 and 14. State Road 518 between Mile Markers 1 and 9. Interstate 25 between Mile Markers 343 and 349.

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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