



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 5 – MARK BERNAL – INCIDENT COMMANDER



Calf Canyon-Hermits Peak Fire Final Update

Acres: 341,735 | **Containment:** 100% | **Total personnel:** 402 |
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

TAOS, NM – Sept. 14, 2022 – The Type 2 Southwest Area Incident Management Team 5 will transfer management of the Calf Canyon-Hermits Peak Fire to a Type 3 Incident Management Team on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 6:00 p.m. Downsizing from a Type 2 organization to a Type 3 is a result of the work accomplished by several incident management teams over the course of this incident.

This will be the final update unless something significant occurs on this incident.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: There is an Open House for residents impacted by the Calf Canyon-Hermits Peak Fire tomorrow, Sept. 15, at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center (1751 N. Grand Ave., Las Vegas, NM) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies will be available to provide information about available assistance. There will not be a public meeting associated with the open house.

Operations: Although the burn area received rain this past week, crews continued to make excellent progress with fire suppression repair operations on private lands, dozer lines, roads, and culverts. Crews completed the timber salvage removal and are now repairing dozer lines and rehabilitating roads impacted by those operations.

Private landowners can continue to submit requests for fire suppression repair work by calling **720-417-8048**.

Closures and Restrictions: Additional areas of the Camino Real Ranger District on the Carson National Forest are scheduled to reopen on Sept. 14. Current closure and restriction information is available on the [Santa Fe - Alerts & Notices page \(https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/santafe/alerts-notice\)](https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/santafe/alerts-notice) and [Carson National Forest - Alerts & Notices page \(https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/carson/alerts-notice\)](https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/carson/alerts-notice). Both forests continue assessing conditions looking for opportunities to reduce the closure areas as soon as possible while keeping public and firefighter safety as the highest priority. As hunting season begins, details and maps for newly reopened areas will continue to be updated on the Santa Fe and Carson Forest Alerts & Notices webpages and social media.

Weather: The area will begin experiencing a warming and drying trend this week through the weekend, with temperatures in the 70s and 80s.

Fire Flooding and Recovery Resources: 2022 Wildland Fires Resources Hotline: <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 with fire or flood damage to your primary residence, please call the **FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362**.

Fire Information: Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 7:00 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 \(https://t.co/JiGpZ1sovK\)](https://t.co/JiGpZ1sovK) | tinyurl.com/HermitsYouTube | [Santa Fe National Forest \(https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/santafe/home\)](https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/santafe/home) | [Carson National Forest \(https://www.fs.usda.gov/carson\)](https://www.fs.usda.gov/carson)