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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**05/15/2022**

Currently on the Hermits Peak /Calf Canyon Fire, Colfax County Sheriff's Office in consultation with Colfax County Emergency Management the following communities are still in **READY** Evacuation status:

- **Vietnam Memorial Area**
- **Taos Pines**

The following communities have been moved to **SET** status:

- **Village of Angel Fire**

The following communities have been moved to **GO** Status:

- **Black Lake**
- **Black Lake Resort**
- **Hidden Lake**

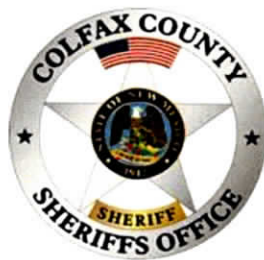
The status changes are necessary due to current fire behavior and predicted weather, verified by fire models that show significant potential for fire growth to the north. We want to stress that there is not an immediate threat and there are no fires in the area. We ask that everyone evacuate through north through Angel fire to US 64 West to Taos or East to Raton. You can call 1-800-432-2080 for evacuation sites if you need assistance evacuating contact local law enforcement Raton Central Dispatch 575-445-2704 or Red River Dispatch 575-754-6166. We are meeting daily to assess these statuses and continue to plan. As of May 15, 2022, Southwest area Team 1 has taken command of the Central Zone which includes most of the Mora, Colfax, and Taos Counties. Colfax County and our local partners are meeting with the new team. Team 1 will have public information officers in the community. As of today, there is no growth toward Colfax County.

The Raton Convention Center evacuation site at 901 South 3<sup>rd</sup> in Raton has been put on standby. We want to thank everyone who has donating meals by individuals. Instead of cooking and donating meals we ask that you donate your time to Mercy Chef's or see what the need for assistance. They have been providing meals for law enforcement and fire personnel.

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We want to stress that Ready Status does not mean you have to evacuate your homes now. Instead, it is a way of identifying communities that could potentially be impacted by future evacuation orders. A real simple explanation of the Ready, Set, Go means of evacuation notice is as follows. Again, we stress, there is no need to leave your homes just yet, instead, get prepared. If we need to escalate these evacuation orders, we will provide you with instructions on shelter locations and escape routes. Keep tuned to local Radio and social media. Thank you.

**READY** – Prepare Now Prepare for the hazards that can threaten your community. Meaning get prepared now just in case.

~ Register with your county emergency notification system. Our emergency notification system can be found at the county website under Emergency Management. Or you can go directly here:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/6AF053DCB942>

~ Public Service announcements can be viewed at the Sheriff's web page at:

[http://www.co.colfax.nm.us/government/sheriff\\_s\\_department.php](http://www.co.colfax.nm.us/government/sheriff_s_department.php)

[https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064625351892&refsrc=deprecated&\\_rdr](https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064625351892&refsrc=deprecated&_rdr)

<https://nmfireinfo.com/>

[https://www.facebook.com/CalfCanyonHermitsPeak/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/CalfCanyonHermitsPeak/videos/?ref=page_internal)

~ Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.

~ Make a family communication plan that includes family phone numbers, out-of-town contacts, and family meeting locations.

~ Assemble an emergency supplies kit (Go Kit). Start with the five P's: people and pet supplies, prescriptions, papers, personal needs and priceless items.

~ Check with your neighbors, family, friends, and elders to ensure they are READY.

~ Keep up to date on local news, weather watches and warnings.

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**SET** – Be Alert There is significant danger in your area. Simply put, Load Up the Truck.

~ Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or with family/friends outside the affected area.

~ Grab your emergency supplies kit.

~ Keep in mind unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.

~ Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety officials. This might be the only notice you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee they will be able to notify everyone if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Be SET to GO.

**GO** – Evacuate Danger in your area is current and life-threatening. GET OUT NOW!

~ Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area.

~ If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand emergency services may not be able to assist you further.

~ Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on designated evacuation routes and avoid closed areas.