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PRESS RELEASE

Hello Taos County constituents. The movement and conditions of the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak fire currently burning in San Miguel, Mora, Colfax, and Taos Counties has caused us to reevaluate the READY – SET – GO status in southern Taos County.

**Ready – Set – Go defined**

LEVEL 1: “READY” for potential evacuation. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area - it is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property, and pets/livestock.. THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE. Have your “GO Bag” ready.

LEVEL 2: “BE SET” to evacuate. YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AT A MOMENT’S NOTICE. There is a significant threat/danger to your area. Residents should voluntarily relocate now. THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE YOU RECEIVE.

LEVEL 3: “GO” Evacuate NOW - LEAVE IMMEDIATELY! Danger to your area is current and imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE. Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are safe.

**Areas within Taos County that are in evacuation stage(s):**

GO status – HWY518 from Rockwall (HWY 518 and HWY 75 intersection east to the Mora County line.

SET status – HWY 75 from Rockwall west to HWY 73, including the communities Placitas, Vidato, and Valdez.

READY status – HWY 75 west of HWY 73, including the communities of greater Penasco. US64 from MM260 east to the Colfax County line, including Shady Brook and Ville Escondido.

Scan the QR code here for the latest evacuation map or visit the ArcGIS Map at; https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=bfb95b09412840c0afd99626ea2bee4f
Shelters in Taos County:

Peñasco High School  
Address: 13 Old School Rd, Peñasco, NM 87553  
Contact: (575)-587-2502

Juan Gonzales AG Center  
202 Camisa Rd Taos, NM 87571  
Contact: Bobby Lucero (575) 779-9381

Red River Convention Center  
Address: 101 E River Street, Red River, NM 87558  
Contact: (575)-754-1708

Taos County Sheriff’s Posse Rodeo Grounds  
(For RV’s and those with livestock)(meals will be delivered)  
Address: 230 Camino de la Merced, Taos, NM 87571  
For Livestock, please call Livestock Inspector: Ruben Baca (575)-770-1490

Other Services Include:  
Taos Youth & Family Center (access to showers)  
6:00 am - 6:00 pm  
407 Paseo del Canon East Taos, NM 8757

To donate food, clothing, money, etc. visit the American Red Cross webpage. For fire information and shelters log on to inciweb.nwci.gov, call (505)356-2636, or visit the Santa Fe National Forest Facebook page.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Hogrefe  
County Sheriff