



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

Diego Arencon
Acting Cabinet Secretary

Kelly Hamilton
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Carla Walton
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact: Marisa Maez
Public Information Officer, DHSEM
Marisa.Maez@state.nm.us

Thursday, April 21, 2022

State provides update on recent fires as well as recovery efforts

Agencies continue to work together to quell fire danger

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) in partnership and coordination with federal, local, tribal, and other state agencies are focused on providing support and step by step guidance to New Mexico residents, business owners and visitors affected by the recent wildfires. Current active fires as of today are Cook’s Peak, Calf Canyon and Simona. Up-to-date information on current fires can be found at [NM Fire Info | New Mexico Fire Information](#).

Fire-friendly conditions persist and will get increasingly stronger on Friday, April 22nd. Strong winds up to 80 miles per hour are expected on Friday for parts of the state. Officials advise residents to be extra cautious and avoid creating conditions that exacerbate risk of fire.

“We encourage our fellow new Mexicans to take extra care and limit fire burning for the next 24-48 hours,” said Deputy Secretary Carla Walton. “Just one spark, especially in these dry and windy conditions can trigger a wildfire. Our goal is to limit the spread and keep every New Mexican as safe as possible. Those who are older, have breathing or heart-related health conditions, and young children should limit their time outside, especially in areas with high winds and smoke.”

While the risk of fire continues extremely high for the entire state, some of the wildfire locations from last week, including the McBride and Big Hole areas are shifting towards recovery efforts. Those who have been affected in those areas are encouraged to visit the DHSEM 2022 wildfire page for resources and fire recovery information: <https://www.nmdhsem.org/2022-wildfires/>. For further assistance, folks can call 1-800-432-2080 and select option #4 to connect with someone who will assist you.

###

DHSEM works to protect the people of New Mexico and the nation through a comprehensive and coordinated program of mitigating hazards, preparing for emergencies, preventing attacks, and recovering from disasters. The New Mexico State Fire Marshal’s Office is part of DHSEM beginning on July 1, 2021.