

Wildfire Information

EMNRD-FORESTRY DIVISION



Incident Name: Cooks Peak

Start Date & Time: 4/17/22 @ 1615

Start Location: Ocate off of HWY 120 Canada Bonita

Latitude: 36.24352

Longitude: -105.03793

Cause of Fire: Under investigation

Area Vegetation: Grass, pinon, juniper, ponderosa pine, and mixed conifer

Estimated Acres Burned: 2,209

Ownership(s): Private

Structures Threatened: Y

Structures Burned: N

Evacuations: Y

The Cooks Peak Fire, located on private land north of Ocate in Mora County, is estimated at 2,209 acres and 0% contained. Crews worked throughout the night monitoring the fire and monitoring structures closest to the fire. Today firefighters are concentrating on establishing additional fire lines using hand tools and heavy equipment. The fire is progressing to the north and east. An evacuation order for Canada Bonita, Blatman Ranch, and one other residence remains in place. Evacuees may utilize Memorial Middle School in Las Vegas. Most evacuees are staying with friends and family, so the evacuation center is not seeing an increase in people at this time. The Northern New Mexico Type 3 Incident Management Team will be taking over operations of the Cooks Peak Fire in the coming days. The Cooks Peak Fire was first reported at 4:15 p.m on April 17. The cause is under investigation.

Evacuation Center: Evacuees may utilize Memorial Middle School in Las

Vegas, 1236 5th St. Mora County is working with the Red Cross to coordinate assistance.

Livestock: The Zamora Arena is available for evacuated livestock. Take Airport Road, CR C53A, 4 miles north of Las Vegas. Contact Matthew Romero, Livestock Inspector, at 575-643-6805 for more information.

Closures: County Road A023 in Mora is closed.

Smoke: Smoke from the Cooks Peak Fire may impact surrounding areas, including areas in the Moreno Valley, Sapello to Pendaries, and lower Rociada. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. An interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

Weather: Winds are ranging from 15-20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph.

Fire information will be posted to the following websites.

NM Fire Info: www.nmfireinfo.com

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8061/>

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