



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Disaster Assistance At-A-Glance

When disaster strikes, we're here to help you. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offer a variety of recovery programs to help farmers, ranchers, communities and businesses that have been hard hit by wildfire. Learn about the USDA programs and FEMA's Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office that can help you recover from the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire and subsequent flooding.

ICON KEY



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= Yes or No, with caveats
(see footnote)

Programs	Agency	Forestland Reforestation	Crop Loss	Structures/ Property Loss	Agland Rehabilitation	Irrigation infrastructure (acequia systems)	Animal Mortality	Technical Assistance
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)	FSA	✗	✗	✗	✓	✳ ¹	✗	NRCS
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)	FSA	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NM Forestry Division/ USFS
Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)	NRCS	✗	✗	✳ ²	✳ ³	✳ ⁴	✗	NRCS
The Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office	FEMA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NRCS

¹ Privately owned acequias are eligible, acequias managed by associations are ineligible.

² Property loss by way of erosion that poses a threat to life and property- each is site specific

³ Agland can be rehabilitated if there is a threat to life and property as defined by EWP

⁴ NRCS is prohibited from working on roads including replacing culverts, bridges or low water crossings

FSA = Farm Service Agency
NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service
USFS = United States Forestry Service
FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency

Per federal regulation, duplicate benefits are prohibited in all programs. Applicants cannot receive benefits for the same losses and restoration efforts through multiple programs.

To view a full list of restoration activities, visit farmers.gov/hermits-peak or scan the QR code.

For questions about specific restoration activities, visit your local [USDA Service Center](#).



FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) PROGRAMS

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) – Provides emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland and conservation structures damaged by natural disasters. Applicants may receive up to 100% of the cost of approved restoration activity not to exceed \$500,000 or 50% of the agricultural value of the affected land. A 25% advance payment for all practices is available.

Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) - Provides technical and financial assistance to owners of non-industrial private forests to restore forest health and resources damaged by natural disasters. Applicants may receive up to 100% of the cost of approved restoration activity not to exceed \$500,000. Funding provided to the applicant will be taxable.

Note: Once EFRP eligibility has been verified, FSA refers the request to the New Mexico Forestry Division who will contact the landowner to schedule a visit to the property and to create a restoration plan. Once the plan is returned to FSA, the project is sent to the State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices for a cultural resource consultation to comply with National Historic Preservation Act, which requires a minimum of 30 days. The application is then sent to the County Committee for approval.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) PROGRAMS

Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) – Recovery effort aimed at relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural disasters. Up to 100% of the cost can be provided by NRCS.

Threats Addressed: Debris-clogged waterways; unstable streambanks; severe erosion jeopardizing public infrastructure; wind-borne debris removal, and damaged upland sites stripped of protective vegetation by fire or drought.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) PROGRAM

The Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office – The Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act provides compensation for those impacted by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in San Miguel and Mora Counties. The Claims Office will compensate for reforestation based on several best practices associated with the healthy restoration of forest lands. This includes woody residue treatment (a practice that uses various methods to treat woody residue such as tree trunks, branches, limbs, twigs, and other post-fire debris to achieve reforestation objectives); brush management; tree and shrub establishment; erosion control treatments; installing tree protection; installing appropriate-sized drainage features on roads and trails; seed collection; and weed treatments. Funds provided through the Claims Office are not taxable.

Application Period: Notices of Loss are due by November 14, 2024.

There are three avenues to develop a claim for reforestation:

1. Submit a Conservation Restoration Plan developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Claimants who have received NRCS plans will be compensated based on the rates developed by the Claims Office. Anyone who has already been paid for their plan will receive any additional compensation to match the Claims Office's valuation methods.
2. Submit a privately sourced plan. The Claims Office will accept plans developed by private contractors, which may be compensated based upon the Claims Office's valuation methodology.
3. If a claimant prefers not to submit a plan developed by NRCS, or by a private contractor, the Claims Office will determine a per-acre rate for reforestation based on the per-acre valuation methodology, which will vary based on the burn severity of the property, with higher rates for more severely burned properties.

Note: Through a [Conservation Restoration Plan](#), NRCS helps claimants/producers, at no cost, to identify damages to their natural resources resulting from the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fire and subsequent flooding. NRCS will include cost estimates for recovery actions eligible for potential compensation under the Claims Office.

For More Information

FEMA's Claims Office: Visit fema.gov/hermits-peak.
En español: fema.gov/es/hermits-peak.

NRCS Programs: nrcs.usda.gov/hermits-peak

FSA Programs: Visit fsa.usda.gov/disaster or contact your local USDA Service Center using information below.

USDA Offices

Mora Field Office	San Miguel County Service Center
523 STATE HIGHWAY 518 MORA, NM 87732 (575) 387-2424 ext. 3	1927 A 7TH ST LAS VEGAS, NM 87701 (505) 425-3594 ext. 2

Visit fema.gov/disaster/current/hermits-peak for office addresses and hours.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

If you have multiple recovery needs, you can receive assistance for these and other federal, state and local programs through the State of New Mexico Disaster Case Management Program. Disaster Case Management offers a single point of contact to assist with applications, advocate for you and to explain all recovery programs available. Call 505-670-4662 for more information.

Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire Restoration Guide

A variety of restoration practices may be needed to restore the natural resources and return the land to its pre-disaster use.

The table below summarizes the restoration practices that may be needed and indicates which program(s) may provide assistance.

Eligibility for practices on this list compensable through the claims office and FSA will be based on the damages caused by the fire and may include more practices than listed to recover from the damages. This is not an exhaustive list of available restoration activities. To view a full list, visit farmers.gov/hermits-peak.

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Provides Assistance For:		USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Forest Restoration Program	USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Conservation Program	FEMA's Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon Claims Office
Debris Clean-Up and Site Preparation	Brush Management	✓	✗	✓
	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	✓	✗	✓
	Prescribed Burning	✓	✗	✗
	Firebreak	✓	✗	✗
	Woody Residue Treatment	✓	✗	✓
	Clearing and Snagging	✓	✗	✓
	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	✓	✗	✓
Emergency Watershed <i>*These practices may be applicable if there is a threat to life and property as defined by EWP.</i>	Obstruction Removal	✓	✓	✓
	Precision Land Forming and Smoothing	✗	✓	✗
	Land Smoothing	✓	✓	✓
Emergency Watershed <i>*These practices may be applicable if there is a threat to life and property as defined by EWP.</i>	Conservation Cover	✓	✗	✗
	Critical Area Planting	✓	✓	✗
	Windbreak/Shelterbreak Establishment and Renovation	✓	✓	✗
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	✓	✗	✓
	Riparian Forest Buffer	✓	✗	✓
	Tree/Shrub Establishment	✓	✗	✓

Provides Assistance For:		USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Forest Restoration Program	USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Conservation Program	FEMA's Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon Claims Office
Tree and Grass Reestablishment	Forest Stand Improvement	✓	✗	✗
Erosion Control	Dam, Diversion	✗	✓	✓
	Sediment Basin	✗	✓	✓
	Waste Treatment Lagoon	✗	✓	✗
	Diversion	✗	✓	✓
	Lined Waterway or Outlet	✗	✓	✗
	Stormwater Runoff Control	✗	✗	✓
	Structure for Water Control	✓	✓	✓
	Underground Outlet	✗	✓	✗
	Water and Sediment Control Basin	✓	✗	✓
	Grade Stabilization Structure	✗	✓	✓
	Grassed Waterway	✗	✓	✗
	Mulching (separate from tree planting)	✓	✗	✓
	Terrace	✗	✓	✗
Windbreak/Shelterbreak Renovation	✓	✗	✗	
Forest Road Restoration	Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces	✓	✗	✗
	Access Road	✓	✗	✓
	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	✓	✗	✗
	Forest Trails and Landings	✓	✗	✗

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Irrigation/Pond Repair * Emergency Watershed <i>*These practices may be applicable if there is a threat to life and property as defined by EWP.</i>	Irrigation Field Ditch	✗	✓	✗
	Pond	✗	✓	✓
	Irrigation Ditch Lining	✗	✗	✓
	Irrigation Pipeline	✗	✗	✓
	Irrigation System, Microirrigation	✗	✗	✓
	Sprinkler System	✗	✓	✓
	Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery	✗	✓	✗
	Irrigation Land Leveling	✗	✓	✓
	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	✗	✗	✓
Livestock Management ✗ Emergency Watershed <i>*EWP is not applicable for livestock management.</i>	Silvopasture	✓	✗	✗
	Fence	✓	✓	✓
	Livestock Pipeline	✗	✓	✓
	Pumping Plant	✗	✓	✓
	Heavy Use Area Protection	✗	✓	✓
	Spring Development	✗	✓	✓
	Watering Facility	✗	✓	✓
	Water Well	✗	✓	✓