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Taos County Local Governments, KCEC and EC-Coad Continue to Collaborate on the Wildfire Evacuee Response

According to the last reports from nmfireinfo.org, the Cooks Peak fire continues to fill the area with smoke throughout Colfax and Taos county and is approximately 18% contained. Firefighters were able to engage aggressively across the fire area yesterday, capitalizing on the favorable weather conditions. Taos local governments, KCEC and EC-COAD, are offering aid and assistance to residents and families affected.

The Wildfire Evacuee Response has set up the following resources for those displaced by the wildfires in the area. We are working to maximize the support and aid efficiently to the needs of the communities.

There are shelters set up at the following locations and are open 24 hours:

Peñasco High School

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

Red River Convention Center

Address: 101 E River Street, Red River, NM 87558
(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

UNM-Taos

If you are a college student from any NM institution who has been displaced by the fires and are staying in or around Taos. You are welcome to use our campus facilities to use a computer, study spaces, library resources, etc.

We are located at 1157 County Road 110, Ranchos de Taos or our downtown space is at 115 Civic Plaza Drive.

Call 575-737-6215 or email taos@unm.edu for more information.

Fire Resources

For updated fire information, please visit nmfireinfo.com.

Carson National Forest updates available at <https://www.facebook.com/santafeNF>

To report damage, call the state fire hotline at 1-800-432-2280, select option number 4 or you can go to nmdhsem.org. Click on the link to report fire damage.

Volunteer & Donation Resources

Taos Connects: <https://app.vomo.org/org/taos-connects>.

Volunteer Sign Up Contact : Tony Struck 575-613-0274

Monetary Donations: Fund for Taos – **for disaster relief** <https://www.taoscf.org/>

Mora Residents Donation: Las Vegas Community Foundation <https://fundly.com/calf-canyon-hermits-peak-fire-relief-efforts>

The Taos County Juan I. Gonzales Agricultural Center is diverting all residents to the Peñasco High School to help with staffing and efficiently reduce mirroring efforts. Water, power, and supplies are available at the shelter sites. Wi-fi is also accessible at some locations. We want to encourage residents to utilize the emergency shelters. The Taos Rodeo grounds accept RV's and those with livestock. Shelter, supplies, feed and water are available for livestock. For those with RV's not going to the rodeo grounds, please call in advance to ensure adequate parking is available at other shelter locations.

The fires have displaced many residents and families. We continue to pray for the safety and well-being of those affected. We will provide updates and resource information as they become available. Please ensure Taos local governments, KCEC and the EC-COAD are utilizing the necessary staff and support to help our communities. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Santistevan.