## Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to Host a Community Event June 15th

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**SANTA FE, N.M.** - The Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will host a community event Thursday, June 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Mora High School Campus Lecture Hall to discuss and answer questions on their partnership to help claimants recovering from the Hermit's Peak Calf/Canyon Fire and subsequent floods develop Conservation Restoration Plans for their property.

NRCS plans will be provided to claimants at no charge and can be utilized by the Claims Office to streamline the claims review process.

"We encourage all landowners with natural resources impacted by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire and subsequent flooding to take advantage of this partnership," said Claims Office Director Angela Gladwell. "We look forward to working with our partners at the NRCS to ensure this opportunity is fully realized and provided to landowners in their recovery."

Representatives from the Tierra y Montes Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will also be present at this event to answer questions and provide information on conservation efforts. Reps from the state's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency will also be present to answer questions.

NRCS Conservation Restoration Plans are comprehensive natural resource plans that provide a holistic approach to recovery. Under this partnership, NRCS plans will give claimants a pathway to restore their property in line with best practices specific to northern New Mexico.



A plan can be requested from NRCS by claimants/landowners regardless of whether they anticipate submitting the conservation/restoration plan to the Claims Office. Conservation work can be done through the utilization of governmental programs, private companies, or by the individual claimants themselves.

The Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon and NRCS Community event in Mora will be held at the Mora High School campus in the Lecture Hall, Thursday, June 15, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

