

# Curious path of fire puzzle to residents

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FALLBROOK — The ranchers who live in the De Luz Canyon thought they knew all about fires.

But they don't know about this one.

"Why did it take my house and leave the shack around the hill?"

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asked Mrs. William Arterberry, whose 831-acre avocado ranch was virtually destroyed yesterday morning.

"Why did it destroy our shed and come within 10 feet of the butane tank, then back off?" asked Mrs. Galen Shaver, whose home was surrounded by fire at one point.

"Why does it keep burning around and around the top of Smoky Peak and leave that old oak tree?" said Ron Schade, a tenant at the "Flying E" Ranch.

The tree, a huge landmark on the very top of the peak, was still standing last night.

It's a curious fire, this one, the residents say. Curious, but not funny. It's the biggest most of them can remember having seen.

It's called the Tenaja blaze. It's threatening to burn out the De Luz Canyon, about 12 miles northwest of

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