



# TIMBERLAKE TIMES

Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association

Fall 2025

Photo: Trish Anderson

## The President's Corner

Mary Ann Armijo, TRLA President

Let's welcome Fall and thank God for the rain we badly need! Also, welcome to all our new Timberlake neighbors. Please reach out to your board directors with any questions, we are here to help you.

We are very happy to report that after several meetings with Cibola County officials, they have agreed to maintain and eventually chip-seal the one-mile stretch of road between the cattle guard and the Timberlake fire station. Resolution for the one-mile portion of the road known as the BIA road remains ongoing, with talks taking place with all parties involved.

We have heard your feedback and are working hard to address all your questions and concerns. We are currently dealing with two landowner lawsuits, and I can honestly say we have some great lawyers representing us. Both lawsuits were filed against the TRLA board members and the landowners personally who served in those roles. You can find copies of both on the [TRLA website](#). We're working hard to provide documentation and look forward to presenting all the facts.

Unfortunately, because of these lawsuits our liability insurance has gone up drastically, with our Board of Directors liability insurance increased by \$15k this year. We as a board are struggling to balance our budget and need to make some difficult decisions, possibly assessing a one-time fee to pay for all our legal costs, and there could be an unavoidable increase in our annual dues.

We ask for your continued patience and thank you all for all the good things that you are all doing to keep Timberlake beautiful. May we all enjoy the fall and winter months. Please reach out if you have questions, we are here for you.

Thank you,

*Mary Ann Armijo*

## Can a Firetruck Reach Your House?

If you have a narrow driveway entrance or an unusually sharp turn, firetrucks may not be able to gain access. It's best to find out ahead of time if driveway modifications are needed.

## Let's Find Out!

If you'd like to have your driveway evaluated for emergency vehicle access or would like to host a training event, please contact Julie Farrell at 602-920-1384. The fire department appreciates the opportunity to train and prepare for emergencies where it counts. Training takes place every Tuesday from 10 to noon.



Setting up the Porta-tank at Jim & Sheila Craigs' place on Roadrunner.



On-site training September 9, 2025. Evaluation of entry, location of electric, propane, septic tank and other safety considerations.



**Tap into your water storage tank in case of fire.** Captain Julie Farrell and Tom Abbott review fire hose adaptor requirements and best practices for connecting a fire hose to the water storage tank.

## If you have a water storage tank,

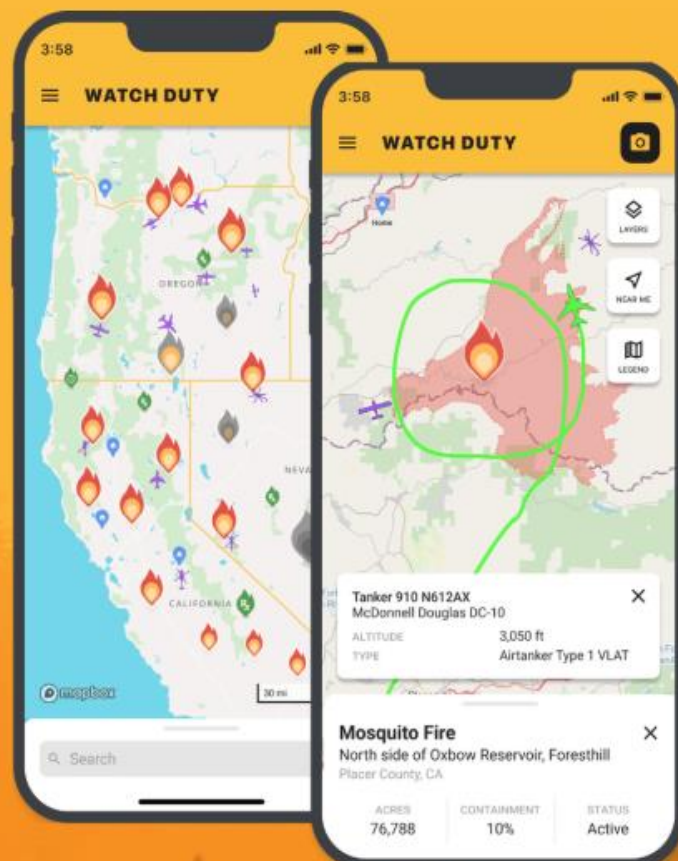
A firehose adaptor could give you a head start while firefighters are dispatched and could help save your home and prevent fire from spreading.

## Can a Firetruck Reach Your House?

Follow these guidelines to prepare your driveway for emergency access:

- Clear trees, branches or brush from your driveway so it is at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of at least 14 feet to allow fire trucks access.
- Ensure your driveway's surface is firmly packed and can support the weight of emergency vehicles even in the spring when the ground is soft.
- Remove gates, fence posts or other obstructions that could restrict access.
- Create a space at the end of your driveway with adequate room for an emergency vehicle to turn around once it reaches your home.
- **On narrow streets or entrances with sharp turns, firetrucks will need a wider entrance to turn into your driveway.** For more information on driveway planning and culvert size recommendations, please contact Craig Johnson [HERE](#).

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**WATCH DUTY**



### Real-time Wildfire Map & Alerts

Receive notifications about the status and conditions on the ground as they change.

## Brush pile schedule

There was no brush pile burn this year, but it is still open. A second brush pile is coming soon.

## Siren Testing – First of each month at 1:00 pm

Sign up for emergency air service

PHI Medical

Gallup Med Flight

## NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS FOR CIBOLA AND MCKINLEY COUNTIES!

If you were previously signed up for CodeRed, you will need to sign up for the new notification service for your county.

Cibola County



REGISTER HERE

McKinley County



## History of the Ranch House Stitchers

by Barb Stevens

The Ranch House Stitchers began in 2014 as a vision of Mrs. Judy Haverstick to share her love of sewing and crafting. Her goal was to have a community sewing and craft room to give the Timberlake community the opportunity to improve sewing and other creative arts skills.

Judy began encouraging others to join in her pursuit and approached the “powers that be” to repurpose one of the storage rooms at the ranch house into an all-purpose sewing and craft room. With the support of the TRLA Board, and the Neighborhood Volunteers, the room was rewired, and tables and chairs were purchased. Judy purchased several used sewing machines, and collected donated fabric and other supplies, and soon a small group of ladies were meeting every Thursday during the summer months. They made potholders, mesh bags, and other craft items.

Here are some of the quilts the stitchers have contributed over the years.



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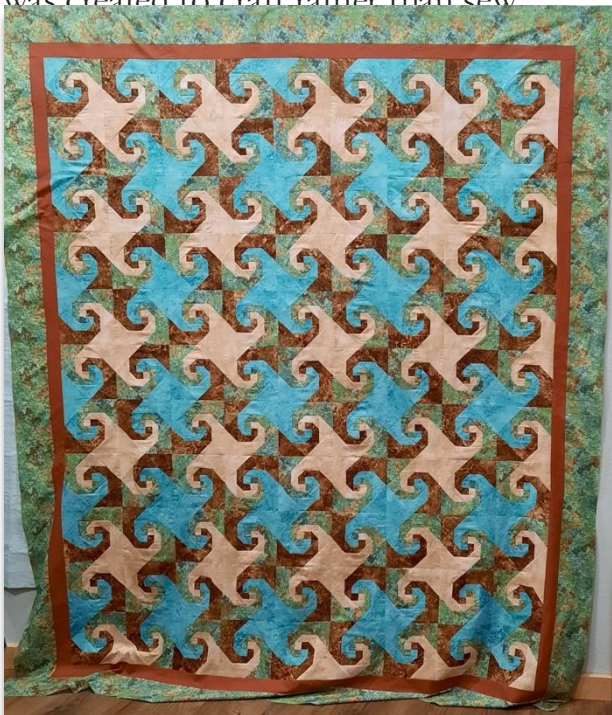
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As sewing abilities improved the group started learning how to make different quilt blocks, which morphed into a full-blown quilt that was raffled off to raise money to purchase more supplies. This first group effort quilt was made in the summer of 2015 and raffled off at the 2016 Labor Day Bar-b-que and Silent Auction. To date nine beautiful quilts have been made, and won by nine lucky winners.

The only year there was not a raffle was 2020 (covid). The group also created the patriotic quilt to honor all TRLA Veterans which hangs in the history room of the ranch house.



As the years went by, fewer of the group were interested in sewing and quilting and a secondary group was created to craft rather than sew.



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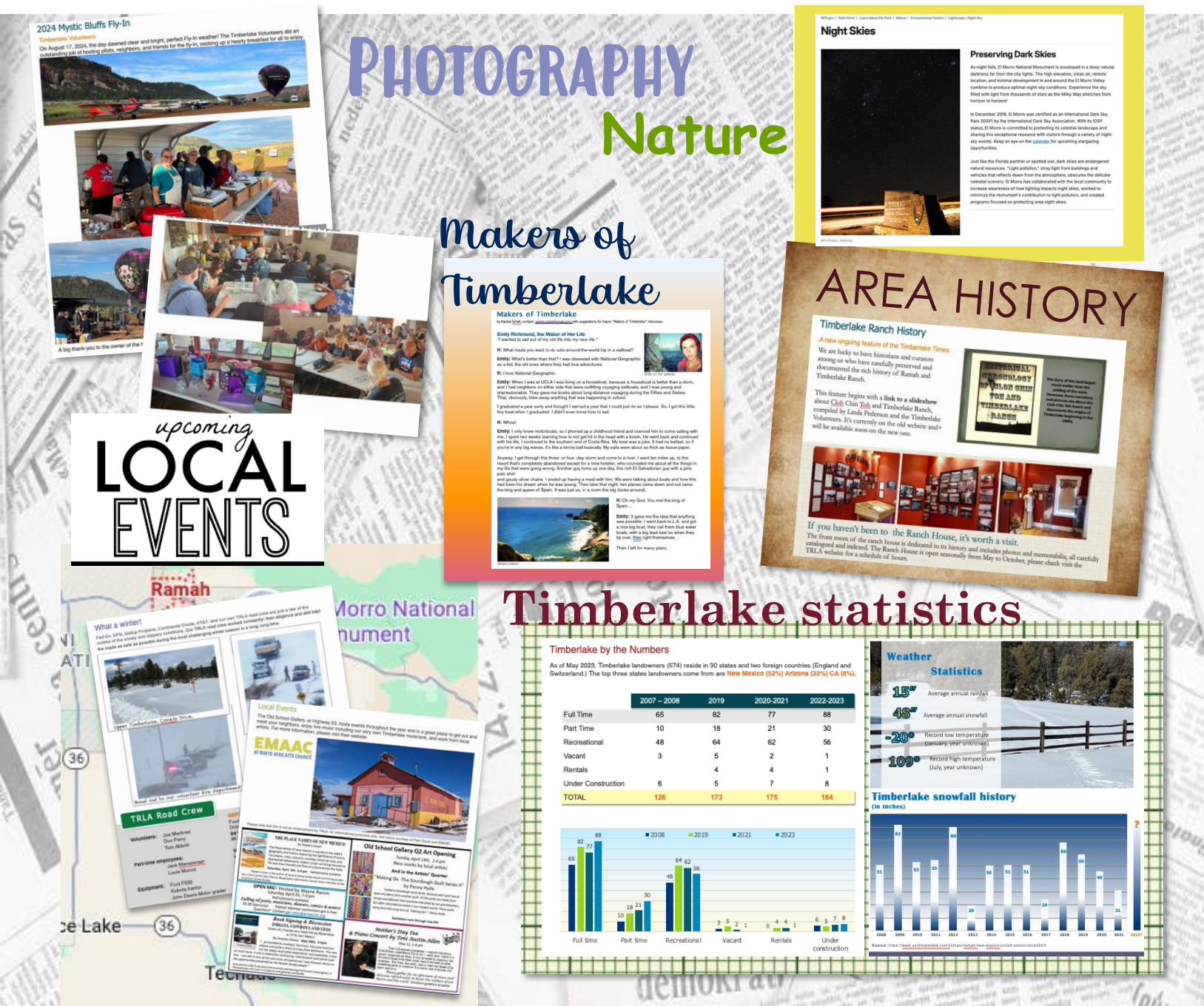
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Since 2019 the raffle quilts have been created by four primary quilters: Pam Adams, Karen Ellett, Killarney Martinez, and Barb Stevens. We would like to thank the Timberlake Community for the generous support of our raffles and all the tickets you have purchased, making our project such a success.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to attend a quilting or crafting session, please contact Barb Stevens [HERE](#).



If you've ever wanted to contribute to the Timberlake Times, whether it's writing stories, gathering photos, covering local events or sharing area history, **now's your chance!**



I began producing the Timberlake Times in Spring 2022 and enjoy creating every issue, but my current schedule is making it difficult to produce all the stories, photos, and information that our community deserves. **If you are interested in contributing to the Timberlake Times and helping to make it a continued source of information and entertainment, please contact me at [trishanderson1@gmail.com](mailto:trishanderson1@gmail.com).**

Thank you for reading and have a wonderful Fall season!

**Trish Anderson**, Timberlake Times editor 2022 – 2025

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## NOTICE:

The TRLA board needs to bring attention to a situation that could potentially affect all landowners.

### **TRLA - Lawsuit Information Case: D-1333-CV-2025-00156**

It is public record that a litigation filing took place on June 30th, 2025 in the Cibola County District Court House between Linda Pedersen, Danny Montoya, Ron Schali, and Mike Rebb (Plaintiff) and Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association (Defendant) and Board of Directors (Defendant).

The Plaintiff's Complaint: "Class action complaint for adjudication of easement, for declaratory judgement, for injunctive relief, and for damages resulting from breach of duty".

We would ask that you refrain from making judgements on anyone at this time until more facts are known. For information, please visit the link below and reference case number D-1333-CV-2025-00156.

<https://caselookup.nmcourts.gov/caselookup/app>

### **Legal Memorandum: Easement Use**

[CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

We would like to thank landowners for your patience and allowing us the time necessary to invest in clarification of the legal use of our common area easements.

The legal memorandum from the TRLA attorney concerning the use of the equestrian easements is now posted and available for all to read.

**PLEASE NOTE! The four easements on Culebra, Elk, Aspen Loop and Cottonwood Loop that were mistakenly described as hiking easements are equestrian only, not for hiking use.**

Hikers may use the trailheads at Yucca Drive and Cedar Roads. The board is looking into options for additional hiking easements along the trail.

The trail remains open and available for all to enjoy.

## BULLETIN BOARD



# Don't forget...

**Correct mailing address is critical for property taxes!**

After three years of nonpayment of property taxes, the NM Delinquent Property Tax Bureau takes possession of the property and auctions are scheduled by county. **There is no recourse for the landowner.**

Both McKinley County and Cibola County auctions have resumed after a long hiatus due to COVID. To view the list of properties scheduled for auction, use this link:  
<https://www.tax.newmexico.gov/businesses/property-tax-overview/delinquent-property-tax-auctions>

**Cibola County**  
 Treasurer's Office:  
**CLICK HERE**

**McKinley County**  
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# Timberlake Ranch

Ramah, NM

Updated 7/22/24

## Evacuation Guidance

# Ready, Set, Go



## Get ready!

### Create an evacuation plan that includes:

- ▲ A designated emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area.
- ▲ An evacuation plan for pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock. Know where the safety zones are. The burn pile at the Ranch House, and the Mystic Bluffs landing strip are designated safety zones.
- ▲ A Family Communication Plan that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation.
- ▲ Sign up for Emergency Notifications:

**McKinley County – Everbridge**

<https://member.everbridge.net/398027504222402/new>

**Cibola County Code Red**

<https://www.onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-coded-red-emergency-alerts/>

## Prepare your family...

### Be Prepared:

- ▲ Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them. Check the gauge to ensure it is in the **green**.
- ▲ Keep your gas tank at least half full at all times.
- ▲ Assemble a Go Bag (emergency supply kit) for your family and pets. Click link below: <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
- ▲ Keep a list of emergency contact numbers available.
- ▲ Post your address by your driveway so it's clearly visible.
- ▲ Keep a Go Bag in your car in case you cannot get to your home.
- ▲ Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them down in an emergency.

## Our household safety plan (complete before an emergency incident):

**MY ZONE IS:**

Our address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an evacuation, we will meet at \_\_\_\_\_

Local contact (neighbor/relative): In the event that roads are closed, our local contact to care for children and pets:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Out of area contact/phone \_\_\_\_\_ School phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other important contacts \_\_\_\_\_

We have neighbors who may need help (persons with disabilities or persons with access and functional needs) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire station 55: (505)783-4221**

**Metro Dispatch: Call 911 Dispatch to Station 55**