



# TIMBERLAKE TIMES

Fall 2024

Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association

Photo: Trish Anderson

## The President's Corner

Mary Ann Armijo, TRLA President

The end of summer has come! On behalf of the TRLA board a shout out to the Timberlake volunteers for all the wonderful events they put together, and our volunteers in all areas including the fire department for the work on the siren and the evacuation plan for our community.

Your TRLA board will work this winter on the CCR's, Bylaws, and other important issues that have been brought up. We also have new landowners that we want to help and welcome, please reach out to a board member with any questions. Board member information can be found on the new TRLA website.

As winter approaches, we would like to ask landowners to slow down. Timberlake roads are the best they've ever been, and it takes all of us slowing down and taking care of the expensive roadwork that has been done. Please drive with care, and if this is your first winter, stock up on food and water. When traveling have extra warm clothes, as roads also get closed due to weather conditions.

Hoping you all enjoy the beautiful New Mexico fall weather. Thank you all for your support of your volunteer Board.

Sincerely,

*Mary Ann Armijo*



## The New TRLA Website is Growing!

Check out [timberlakeranchnm.com](https://timberlakeranchnm.com)

Below are just a few of the places you can go, click to explore.

TIMBERLAKE RANCH NM

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# WELCOME TO TIMBERLAKE RANCH LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Connecting residents and fostering community

## Timberlake Fire Evacuation Plan Ready, Set, GO!!!

Timberlake Ranch Fire Evacuation Plan for the 2024 Fire season. Please give us time to work on this document with additional details, routes, safety zones, and more.

[Fire Evacuation Plan](#)

## HOA Fees Due?

You can now pay your HOA fees online through our secure credit card processing vendor, CardX.

[Pay TRLA HOA Fees](#)

## Rosie Alerts

Click here to open/compose an email to be sent to Rosie Alert admins for distribution.

[Create Rosie Alert](#)

## Report CCR violations

If you would like to report any CCR violations, please click the link below to email the TRLA Board. This is NOT an anonymous email. Your email address will be required so that we can respond to you and investigate further. Your email will remain private and not shared.

[Report CC&R Violations](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to get involved in the community? Check out our volunteer opportunities and make a difference in Timberlake Ranch NM.

[Volunteer Here](#)

## TRLA Community Calendar and Events

The Timberlake Community Calendar is now active. Please click the button below to be directed to the Events page. If you would like to have a community event listed, please send an email request to

[trlacommunications@timberlakeranchnm.com](mailto:trlacommunications@timberlakeranchnm.com) with all the necessary information.

[Upcoming TRLA Events](#)

## Continental Divide Tree Trimming

Please read the document provided by Continental Divide in reference to the tree trimming underway in Timberlake.

[View CDEC Bulletin](#)

## Missing the old website?

If you are missing the old website, it can be found by clicking below

[Visit the old site](#)

# Timberlake Trail Update

For more information and a gorgeous photo album of trail shots, click on one of the pictures below, from the TRLA website.



## Timberlake Point

Timberlake Point is the current trail being constructed by Greg Brookes and his volunteer trail crew. This will definitely be a must-see once completed (completion scheduled for mid 2025).



## Timberlake Trail System

We are proud to offer a variety of amenities to our residents, including a brand-new, private trail system. These amenities provide opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors and stay active.



## Timberlake Trail Recon

Currently, the trail crew is planning additional routes along and through the Timberlake Common Areas. We will be reaching out to those landowners whose properties are along the trail system.

## TIMBERLAKE TRAILS PHOTO GALLERY





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# Hope for the best, prepare for the worst



Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department volunteer Laurie Gurley sweeps the department's garage Aug. 27. Gurley, who moved from California to Timberlake earlier this year, said she joined the department to serve her new community and was glad to see a fire evacuation siren get installed at the department.

## Timberlake community gets its own wild fire evacuation siren

By Vida Volkert

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**R**AMAH — A small community located in the Zuni Mountains has taken an extra precaution to prepare for evacuation in case of a wild fire.

Residents of the Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association recently purchased an evacuation siren that has been installed at the Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department in hopes that, in the event of a wild fire, it would save lives.

The department ran a couple of tests to make sure the siren was reaching as many households in the area with the last test conducted at noon Sept. 7.

"It was heard 4 miles away," said Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department Capt. Julie Farrell, adding that some of the residents reported they could not hear the siren while inside their homes, but all could — once outside.

The purpose of the siren is to let residents in the area know when it's time to evacuate. The community, located amongst a dense forest of ponderosa, pinyon and juniper trees, has seen its share of wildfires that have always been put out quickly as a result of the volunteers's quick response, and



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Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department Capt. Julie Farrell goes through fire gear at the department Aug. 27. A group of Timberlake residents raised funds to purchase a wild fire evacuation siren that was recently installed.



## Limited reception

Farrell said the Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association includes more than 700 lots, with some landowners residing full time, others part-time, and some that just visit for the summer or during holidays. Because of the community's location, surrounded by a dense forest and mesas, cellphone signal is limited.

"There was no one way for me to get a hold of everyone (in case of an emergency)," she said. "Cellphone reception does not work once you leave your home. Not everybody texts. Not everybody emails. The siren doesn't reach everyone, but it is better than nothing."

Farrell said the department will conduct tests at noon every first Saturday of the month April through October to "get people to know what the siren sounds like and start understanding what does it mean."

"When we are in the go mode, people would know when they hear the siren it is time to get out," she said.

## Volunteer effort

The evacuation siren project has been ongoing for several years. Timberlake resident Linda Pederson said the "entire project was grassroots" and started when they decided to purchase the siren with funds raised over the years. While they donated most of the funds to purchase the siren, friends and neighbors contributed with more funding, Continental Divide Electric Coop donated the 45-foot-pole to install the siren, and Mag Electric of Grants donated some of the material.

The siren was purchased from Sentry Siren in Penrose, Colorado.

## The only siren in the county

McKinley County Fire and Rescue Chief Tim Berry said the Timberlake Evacuation Siren is the only one in the county. He added there's one in Bluewater Lake, in the Cibola County side, that is not currently in used.

"One thing to remember, in the state of New Mexico, there's no such thing as an evacuation order," he said. "It's up to the person to leave when they are told to leave. We can't take anybody forcibly."

Berry said while fire personnel can't make a mandatory evacuation, they can assist community and provide direction.

"We do our best to get people to get out when there's a danger," he said. "Once you hear the siren, we hope we got an hour or two to get people out of there. If we have time to get through the 'ready,



set go stages of fire alert,' we hope we have time to get everybody safe out of the community, but it all depends on the fire and conditions. We have been blessed with the rain this year but this winter, the fire risk would go up with all the vegetation that has grown. Hopefully we would get a good snowpack."

Berry said residents of McKinley and Cibola County can sign up with the county's emergency systems online to get updates on their cellphones in case of any emergencies. It's a new system that could also save lives, he said. Once they sign up through the county's website, they can receive notifications on emergency situations.

[CLICK HERE](#)  
to see the original article

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## A Big Thank-You!



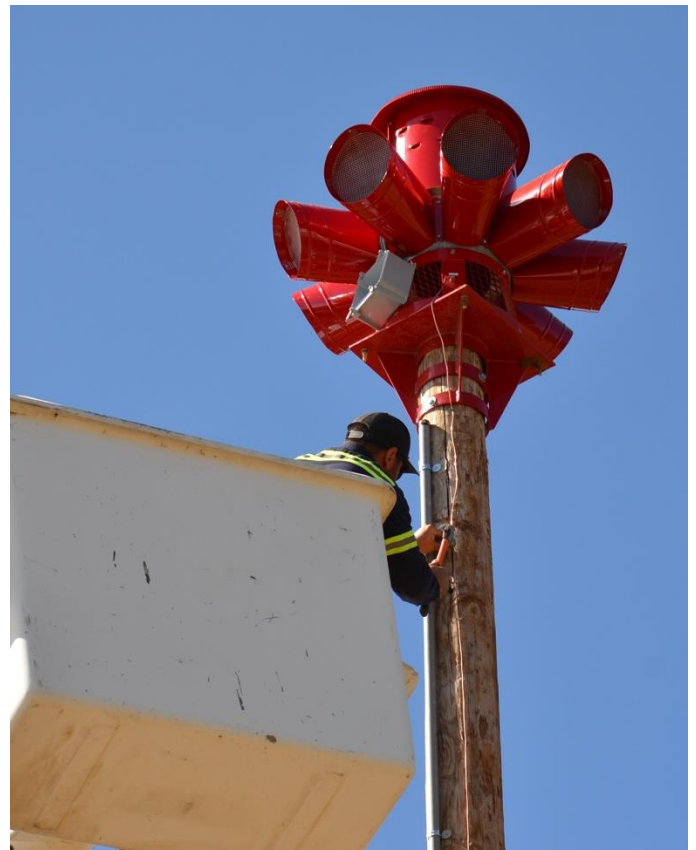
Julie Farrell, Rick Farrell, Linda Pedersen and Barb Stephens watch as Wade Aubuchon unloads the new Timberlake Ranch warning siren. **Timberlake Volunteers Steve and Barb Stevens** picked up the siren in Penrose, CO, saving \$600 in shipping costs.



**MAG ELECTRIC** of Grants and **Continental Divide Electric Coop** donated their time, materials, and hard work. A GoFundme account was set up for remaining installation costs and received \$2700 in private donations.



CDEC Alvin Willie (Foreman Journeyman Line Worker) and Darrin Spencer (Apprentice Line Worker) delivered the pole.





## Timberlake Ranch Volunteers

**Friday, September 27** – Movie Night: 6:30 pm @ the Ranch House

As the summer is coming to an end, let's get together and watch a movie. Popcorn will be available to make this a true theatre experience!

**Saturday October 5** – Paintin' Pictures & Pots

Noon – 2:00 at the Ranch House, bring your creative streak and have some fun!

### Upcoming Events

There will be flyers posted at the beginning of each month on the bulletin board by the mailboxes and the bath house.

Events will also be listed on the Timberlake website, [click here](#) for more information.

**The BINGO Nights were a big success!**

Bingo is even more fun with you get to choose from white elephant prizes provided by the players, who rose to the occasion with their thoughtful, creative, and entertaining variety of prizes.





## 2024 Mystic Bluffs Fly-In

### Timberlake Volunteers

On August 17, 2024, the day dawned clear and bright, perfect Fly-In weather! The Timberlake Volunteers did an outstanding job of hosting pilots, neighbors, and friends for the fly-in, cooking up a hearty breakfast for all to enjoy.



A big thank-you to the owner of the hot-air balloon for allowing some of us to enjoy the view high above the festivities!



## Makers of Timberlake

Rachel Schali, Multimedia Artist

Interview by Amber Word for *Jemez Fine Art*

For some, the desire to paint seems to land not too long after the ability to walk; artist, Rachel Schali, is one such case. One of Rachel's earliest memories is sneaking into her mother's bedroom, steeped in the alluring smells of oil paint and turpentine, picking up a paintbrush and making the art piece her own. Needless to say her mother quickly equipped her with the materials needed to work on solo projects.

While Rachel no longer uses her mother's works to innovate, she does maintain a legacy of taking what's in front of her, what's relevant in the moment, and transforming it into something completely her own. Recently, she began creating 3D artworks with a medium called Task Board, traditionally used for architectural models. Again, echoes of family influence are in place, as Rachel's father was an architect and her daughter recently graduated in the field of architecture.

Initially, Rachel purchased the Task Board for packaging purposes, but it didn't arrive in time for her trip. Which meant upon her return home that there, at her fingertips, was this moldable wood-based product ready for experimentation.

"I actually love not knowing what I'm doing to a certain extent,

the unpredictable surprises that arrive when you play with no expectation can be quite remarkable."

This aspect of play and encouraging experimentation was also central to her long career teaching elementary art to Zuni and Navajo communities in New Mexico.



"The Fat Yucca," the blue and green shape exploding open, felt like a wide leaf yucca coming back alive after the long freeze and good snow



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Her upcoming show, “**Ode to a Zuni Mountain Spring**”, is the product of this experimentation, paired with the inspiring imagery of landscapes, space and organic structure of the Zuni Mountain land on which she currently resides. Spending time on her long walks, feeling into the textures of the wildflowers, the canyons and even the water runoff through a certain spring fed cave, Rachel’s works are representative, sculptural, tactile and give you a very felt, albeit abstracted, representation of the flowers and geology on the land that she calls home.



"Pink Lipstick Flower". It is of these red flowers I see on the trail on a long stem looking lively, with these vey linear petals.



The works are all about seeing the spring open up during winter thaw. "The Yucca Flower " was about that space and form of the fleeting spring flower that is so solid and short lived.

**Jemez Fine Art Gallery**, 17346 Highway 4 Jemez Springs, NM on September 28th from 12-3pm for the reception. Tea and cookies will be served.

**The exhibition will be displayed September 27th-October 10th.** Call for more information (575) 829-3340



Rachel’s work will also be on display at the **Old School Gallery on Highway 53**, click below for more information.



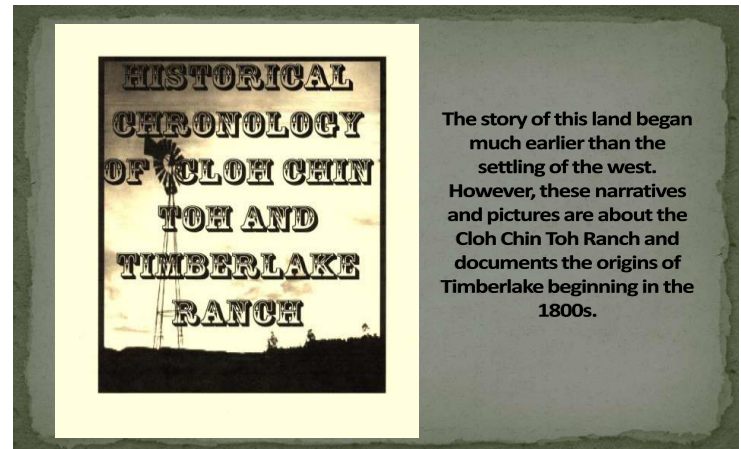


## Timberlake Ranch History

A new ongoing feature of the Timberlake Times.

We are lucky to have historians and curators among us who have carefully preserved and documented the rich history of Ramah and Timberlake Ranch.

This feature begins with a [link to a slideshow](#) about Cloh Chin Toh and Timberlake Ranch, compiled by Linda Pederson and the Timberlake Volunteers. It's currently on the old website and+ will be available soon on the new one.



If you haven't been to the Ranch House, it's worth a visit.

The front room of the ranch house is dedicated to its history and includes photos and memorabilia, all carefully catalogued and indexed. The Ranch House is open seasonally from May to October, please check visit the TRLA website for a schedule of hours.

## TRLA Board Members

Please take note of the new website [www.timberlakeranchnm.com](http://www.timberlakeranchnm.com) as well as the new email addresses for our TRLA board members.

**President** – Mary Ann Armijo:

**Vice President** – Diana Ramm

**Secretary** – Craig Johnson

**Treasurer** – Judi Murphy

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The website is currently under constriction. All content from the old website will be moved over to the new one in the coming weeks. To access the old website, please click here: <http://www.trnews.info/>



# 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**



## 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>

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