



# TIMBERLAKE TIMES

Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association

Summer 2026

## The President's Corner

Mary Ann Armijo, TRLA President

Another beautiful summer has arrived in Timberlake—although it's been a bit on the warm side! A warm welcome to everyone who has recently made Timberlake your getaway or permanent home. We hope you'll enjoy becoming part of this wonderful community.

As most of you know, the Board recently made the difficult decision to increase annual dues for the first time since 2008. Rising costs for gravel, road maintenance, equipment and Ranch House repairs, and rising insurance costs all made this necessary. We remain committed to maintaining and improving our roads, facilities, and shared spaces while being responsible stewards and providing financial transparency.

I'd also like to thank Teresa Springer and our dedicated Timberlake volunteers for organizing so many great events this summer. It's especially encouraging to see some of our newest landowners already getting involved.

The Board is here to serve all landowners, and we welcome your questions, concerns, and ideas. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the board members by phone or email.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

**Mary Ann Armijo**

Neighbors and landowners Len Waterworth and Katharine Teleki presented and hosted a five-year strategic planning session at the ranch house and e-mailed a survey to all landowners for feedback on goals and priorities for the next five years. The session at the ranch house was well attended and the survey feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. If you did not receive an email, please make sure that the TRLA board has the correct email address.

**Here's what the feedback revealed, as shown in a portion of the Final Report below:**

### High Consensus

1. Securing the community's title or right to use, access, and maintain roads.
2. Improving and enhancing road maintenance where feasible.
3. Increasing activities to promote fire mitigation and emergency preparedness.
4. Supporting alternative dispute resolution to avoid lawsuits and financial burdens.

### Less certain, but important:

5. Finding a path to continue the development of the trail system within the bounds of resources, legal appropriateness, property rights, and adjacent forest lands (post-lawsuit resolution).

**The final report of the Strategic Planning Sessions and surveys data is now available for ALL landowners to view. Click the image below to view the presentation**, including the number of responses and how the data adds up. If you have feedback you'd like to share, please plan to attend the next Landowners Meeting on **Saturday, August 15** (zoom attendees are welcome!) or by contacting a board member—see page 15 for contact information.

## Final Report: Timberlake Strategic Planning 2026

May 2026



**Did you know** all this information is available on the TRLA website?  
Take a break from facebook and explore what's online at [timberlakeranchnm.com](http://timberlakeranchnm.com)

Timberlake Ranch Subdivision  
Forest Stewardship Plan

## Timberlake Ranch Subdivision Forest Stewardship Plan



Prepared by: Thomas Marks Contract Forester October 2019

**Winter 2026**

# SMOKE SIGNALS

STATION #55 SERVING THE TIMBERLAKE RANCH COMMUNITY

**Captain's Corner**  
BY CAPTAIN JULIE FARRELL

Dear community,

As the new year has begun and winter is about to end, I can proudly report that our department responded to 60 emergency calls in 2025, 50% of which were EMS. A small percentage of EMS incidents can be prevented simply by staying hydrated all day long, all winter long. All year long.

It also has to be said, Mark Reynolds for recently completing our work in wildfire fighting and advanced chainsaw operation. Thankful, as Mark continues to grow, so does every member of our team.

As our IT man the field, Frank Rescoe has raised Timberlake Ranch to model volunteer fire department status. Thanks to Frank, we enjoy full communication capability and fast road access in the most remote and forested corners.

New Town Alert! Very simply, Tim is our lead trainer and most of all, he is someone we all lean on!

Thanks, of course, to the HDA Board for its assistance on many matters, such as leaving the remaining salt from the burn pile.

And I'd like to personally thank our community for its support. It means more to the [sic] than you'll ever know.

Very sincerely and respectfully,  
Captain Julie Farrell

**Important Numbers**

911: Ask for Station 55  
Capt. Julie Farrell  
(602) 920-1384  
McKinley Co. Dispatch  
(505) 722-2231  
Cibola Co. Dispatch  
(505) 876-2040

**Resources:**

- \*Watch Duty
- \*Drought Info
- \*Evacuation Plan
- \*Evacuation Check List

**Siren Test Dates**

The first day of every month at 1:00 pm starting March 1st

**Burn Pile:**

The burn pile was ignited on January 9th (with approximately four inches of snow on the ground), and leveled and rendered extinguished on February 11th. This "burn" was the safest and most successful in many years. All went according to plan and without incident. Captain Farrell and department members followed all county protocols. The area was monitored multiple times daily, both personally (department members and HDA staff) and remotely (ranch house cameras), and regular contact was maintained with Chief Berry throughout the entire process.

The area will re-open on March 1st for yard trimmings. Please refrain from including building materials and metals, as they present a danger to machinery and users alike.

**Smoking the Bear:**

Fire danger levels and drought determinations are made by the state and based on overall state conditions. Therefore, rain and snowfall in Timberlake, for instance, may have little or no impact on statewide mandates. New Mexico remains in "extreme drought" until further notice.

**Wildland Fires:**

As half of Timberlake Ranch is situated within Cibola County, we've also been in conversation with Chief Middleton. He is very concerned about the upcoming summer fire season and lightning strikes. We are asking residents from both counties to report (dial 911, request station 55) smoke sightings and the very distinctive odor of wildfire.

Also, please consider downloading the free "Watch Duty" App (see sidebar). Among other highlights, Watch Duty alerts residents to nearby fire activity, with precise mapping features.

**Landowner Resources  
Guide**

NEW MEXICO FORESTRY DIVISION  
2025

**US Drought Monitor**

For those who are curious

**Check Now**

**Wildfire Prepared**

The Wildfire Prepared Home checklist enables homeowners to take preventative measures for their home and yard to protect against wildfire. This PDF checklist is for California but apply to New Mexico as well.

**Checklist**

**Current Wildfire Map**

Map of all current wildfires in the United States.

**See Map**

**Timberlake Ranch  
Ramah, NM**  
Updated 7/22/24

**Evacuation Guidance**  
**Ready, Set, Go**

**Get ready!**

Prepare your family...

TRLA Ranch House  
Burn Pile  
Safety Zones  
Mystic Bluffs Airstrip

## THINKING ABOUT BUILDING?

A message from Don Parry, TRLA Commons

In Timberlake there are 200 + or - homes, of those approx. 86 are full time. We have all types of construction, many of which are lumber frame, cinder block, adobe, straw bale, Delteck, dome, milled log, real round log, metal buildings and modular. Don't forget there is a 600 sq ft minimum living space requirement.

On the [timberlakeranchnm.com](http://timberlakeranchnm.com) website you will find the CCR's and the forms for Architectural Requests. The Architectural Committee members and their contact info is also on the website.

**Feel free to reach out to us to help make you successful on your build.**

## NOTE:

The Construction Inspection Division of New Mexico now requires a permit for any structure over 120 sq ft.

## Fourth of July Parade



Timberlake Ranch  
Celebrating **America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**PATRIOTIC 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**  
MEET @ 11:30 @ FIRE STATION

DECORATE YOUR HORSE, BIKE  
ATV / UTV/ SIDE BY SIDE  
TRUCK, TRACTOR, JEEP, CAR...

AWARDS, PRIZES AND GREAT FUN!

FOOD TRUCK FROM 11-1PM  
FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE 11-2  
TRLA ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
2PM AFTER PARADE



## ***Timberlake Ice Cream Social – July 4, 2026***

Once again, our Timberlake Neighborhood Team (“TNT”) headed by Marv and Terry Springer created a fun and lively event for Timberlake landowners with this year’s 2026 Ice Cream Social held on America’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday – July 4, 2026!

Our incomparable TNT team served up some of the best premiere treats – homemade cakes, brownies, cupcakes, cookies, and fudge – to go along with sundaes, banana splits, root beer floats, and cones with nearly every imaginable topping!

Prefaced with a fun Independence Day Parade and an opportunity to tour our Timberlake Fire Department, the ice cream social topped off the afternoon’s events – just like a cherry on the top of a hot fudge sundae with whipped cream!

This fun and delicious event had a lot of our Timberlake landowners attending to enjoy some ice cream treats provided by “TNT” and rub elbows with their neighbors – many new faces!



## *More fun at the Timberlake Ice Cream Social – July 4, 2026*



*Photos: Roxanna & Richard Hollabaugh*

### ***Calling all TRLA landowners!***

All of our Timberlake landowners are invited and more than welcomed to join our fun “TNT” group to plan and execute events like our annual Ice Cream Social.

You’ll find your participation enjoyable and meet your neighbors like you’ve never done before. You’ll be appreciated with many “high fives” and experience the great satisfaction of having been a part of making our community the great place it is!

Come with us!! You won’t regret it!!

Contact:

Teresa Springer

[timberlakeneighborhoodteam@yahoo.com](mailto:timberlakeneighborhoodteam@yahoo.com)

or call 602-614-0695

## ***Peace Pines & Timberlake***

**“Where we focus on the good & believe in our community”**

**See next page for our upcoming events!**



## Next Up for Timberlake Ranch Volunteers

Summer 2026

***Make plans to join the fun! Mark your calendar now!***

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Saturday, July 18</b><br>Italian Dinner Night<br>TRLA Ranch House                             | 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm   |
| <b>Saturday, July 25</b><br>Community Trash Cleanup<br>Multiple Areas                            | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm |
| <b>Saturday, August 1</b><br>Community Dance with <b>Whiskey Blue</b><br>TRLA Equipment Building | 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm  |
| <b>Saturday, August 8</b><br>Bingo Night<br>TRLA Ranch House                                     | 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm   |
| <b>Saturday, August 15</b><br>Poker Night<br>TRLA Ranch House                                    | 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm   |
| <b>Saturday, August 22</b><br>Mystic Bluffs Fly In<br>Mystic Bluffs Airstrip                     | 7:00 am to 1:00 pm   |
| <b>Saturday, September 5</b><br>Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle<br>TRLA Equipment Building       | 8:30 am to 12:00 pm  |
| <b>Saturday, September 12</b><br>Game Night<br>TRLA Ranch House                                  | 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm   |

*"If you're lucky enough to be a Timberlake landowner,  
you're lucky enough!"*

## The 2026 Quilt Raffle is Here!

**This pattern is called “Timberlake Trees”.**

Tickets will be available throughout the summer at volunteer events, including the Mystic Bluffs Fly-In and on Labor Day at the Silent Auction, when the lucky winner of this beautiful queen-sized quilt will be announced.

**This is the tenth and last raffle quilt, as the ranch house quilters are retiring.** Their beautiful quilts over the years have made the lucky winners very happy.

**Tickets are \$5 apiece, or 3 for \$10.**

## Thank you, Ranch House Quilters!

...for sharing your talents and keeping many a lucky neighbor warm and stylish.

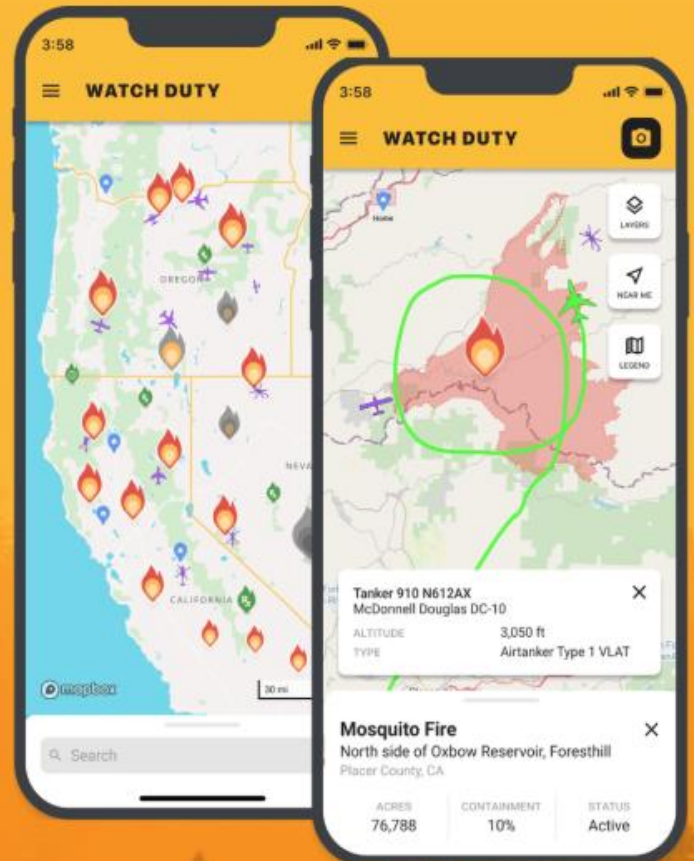


“Timberlake Trees” by Barb Stephens, Karen Ellett, Killarney Martinez and Pam Adams.

## Protect Your Home Before Wildfire Strikes

**Create defensible space.** Remove dead vegetation, thin trees and shrubs, and maintain at least 30 feet of cleared space around structures (more on slopes or in dense forest). **Limb and space trees.** Prune lower branches 6–10 feet above the ground and maintain adequate spacing between tree canopies to reduce the spread of wildfire. **Keep roofs and gutters clean.** Regularly remove pine needles, leaves, and other debris from roofs, gutters, decks, and around foundations where wind-blown embers can ignite. **Reduce flammable materials.** Store firewood, propane tanks, lumber, and other combustible materials at least 30 feet from buildings during fire season. **Maintain safe access.** Keep driveways clear and wide enough for emergency vehicles, trim overhanging branches, and clearly display reflective address numbers visible from the road. **Plan ahead.** Prepare an evacuation plan, keep important documents and emergency supplies readily accessible, and sign up for local wildfire alerts so you can leave early if conditions worsen.

**CLICK HERE FOR THE APP**  
**WATCH DUTY**



**Real-time Wildfire Map & Alerts**  
Receive notifications about the status and conditions on the ground as they change.

## Brush pile schedule

The brush pile is OPEN!

## 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**

**Hyper-Reach**  
the power of instant communication

**REGISTER HERE**

**McKinley County**

**ALERT MCKINLEY COUNTY**  
**Everbridge**

By Len Waterworth and Katharine Teleki

*Welcome to the inaugural edition of a new column exploring the unique places, plants, and animals in our high desert home. We bought a property here in 2024, and our motto has always been "one mile more," making that little extra effort to be curious about the world away from the crowds and algorithms. This quarter, Len reports from an outing to a nearby archaeological wonder.*

## CHACO CANYON

Right in our backyard, only 140 miles to the north, you can find Chaco Culture National Historical Park. It's located just off a 20-mile section of dirt road scarred with dried mud ruts that stretch all the way to the horizon. The signs leading you there are few and far between, and they don't exactly inspire confidence that you are spending your time wisely, but trust me: you will not be disappointed!



**Before I describe the treasures waiting in this historical park, a word of advice: if you decide to go, you must plan ahead.** Hotel El Rancho and Blake's Hamburgers are 90 miles away in Gallup. The best you can get at the park itself is a visitor center with restrooms and a small campground for small RVs and trailers, and those spots reserve well in advance. Also, it can get HOT! There is no hiding from the sun out there. AJ the wonder dog and I went in mid-June, and the afternoon heat and wind quickly made me think about a repeat trip in the fall or winter. If you aren't planning to camp, go early!





# One Mile More

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By Len Waterworth and Katharine Teleki

## CHACO CANYON

**Between 800 and 1,200 years ago, Chaco Canyon was the center of a far-reaching trade network featuring over 400 miles of prehistoric roads.** These were carefully engineered to support year-round trade and establish communication lines to a myriad of Great Houses stretching from the Colorado border all the way down to Grants.

As landowners here in Timberlake, we know that the people of Chaco Canyon must have had a great Roads Committee, much like we do, to accomplish such a vast network of roads over 800 years ago.





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**So, why are you going?** You are going to see the incredible, ancient Chacoan architecture: Pueblo del Arroyo, Pueblo Alto, Pueblo Bonito, Chetro Ketl, and Casa Rinconada, to name just a few.

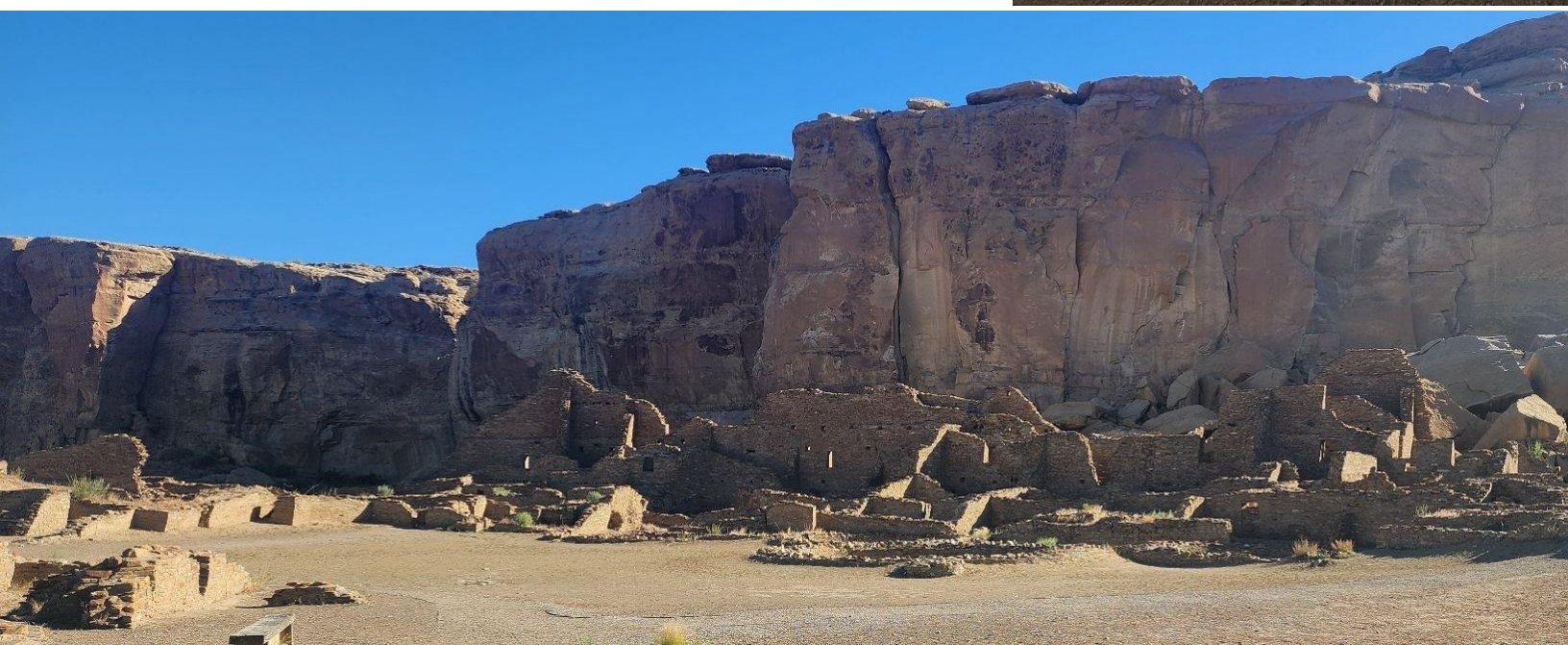
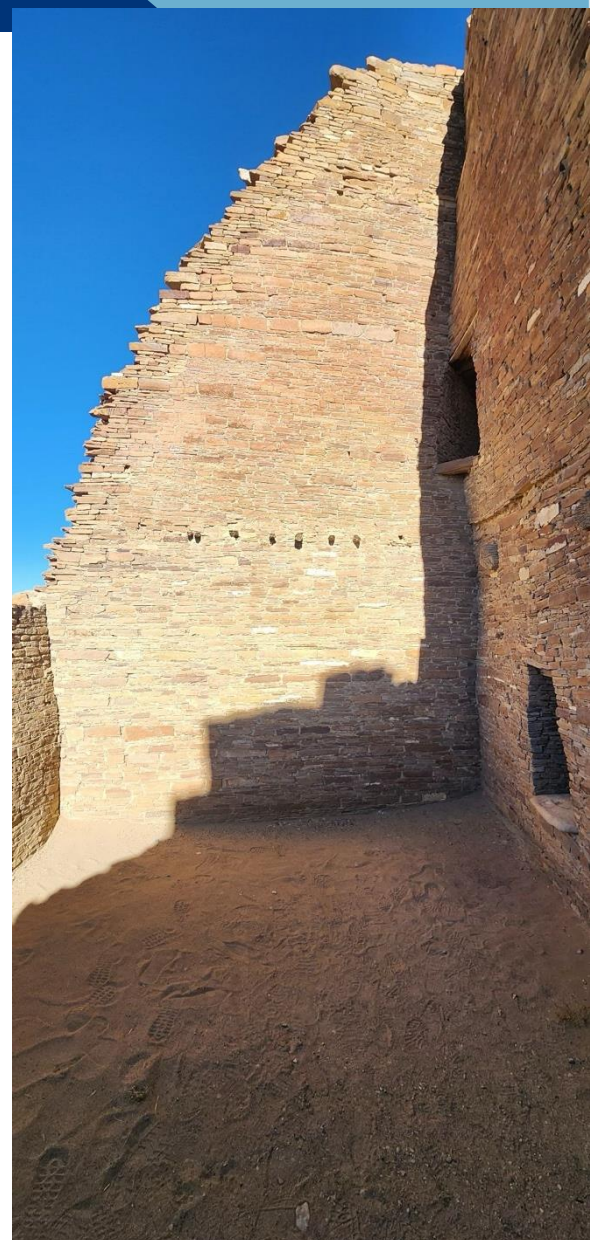
There are two main ways to check out the park. You can drive the loop, which takes you right up to many of the sights for a short, easy walk around the structures. Or, for you youngsters, you can tackle one or all of the 10 backcountry trails, which vary in distance from a quick 0.25 miles to a more strenuous 7.5 miles.

**Must See:** If you visit the park and can't do everything, make sure you go straight to Pueblo Bonito. This is the largest and best-known Great House in the park, built by the Ancestral Puebloans who occupied the structure between AD 828 and 1126. This place is unbelievable: it spans over 3 acres, contains 800 rooms, and stands 4 to 5 stories tall in places. The United States didn't see 4- to 5-story buildings until the 1800s . . . nearly 400 years later! The canyon is full of sites like this to explore. Even today, questions remain about exactly how they were used: was Chaco Canyon a gathering site for trading, a religious center, a place to study the stars, or maybe just one of the area's first condo complexes?

All I will say is that it was well worth AJ's time and mine. We will definitely go back in the fall or winter to see it all.

For more information:

<https://www.nps.gov/chcu/index.htm>





## UPDATE ON TRAIL LAWSUIT:

Plaintiffs: Pedersen, Montoya, Schali and Rebb

### TRLA Injunction Hearing June 18, 2025 – Audio Recording below

The injunction request made by the Plaintiffs was denied without prejudice.

The board is committed to being as transparent as possible during this process. **Landowners are encouraged to take the time to listen to these recordings and read the lawsuit information to better understand the facts.**



The screenshot shows a video player interface. At the top left, there is a red play button icon and a title bar that reads "TRLA Communications" and "TRLA Injunction Denied". Below the title bar, there is a circular icon with the number "3" and the word "TRACKS". The main area of the player is dark purple. At the bottom, there is a list of three tracks:

- TRLA Communications - Cibola County Court - Injunction Denied - 1 of 3
- TRLA Communications - Cibola County Court - Injunction Denied - 2 of 3
- TRLA Communications - Cibola County Court - Injunction Denied - 3 of 3

Below the list, there is a "Privacy policy" link. At the very bottom, there is a footer that reads "TRLA Communications · TRLA Injunction Denied".

As always, the trail remains open and available for all to enjoy.

**Hikers may enter using the trailheads at Yucca Drive and Cedar Roads.**  
**The easements on Culebra, Elk, Aspen Loop and Cottonwood Loop remain Equestrian-Only.**  
The TRLA Board is looking into options to present to all landowners for additional hiking and pedestrian access point options along the trail.

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