

SANDIA KNOLLS PROJECT

CAMINO ALTO - PIÑON HEIGHTS

WILDFIRE EVACUATION ROUTE IMPROVEMENT



PROJECT INFORMATION

WORK BEGINS AUGUST 2026

Tentative Completion Date May 2027

Thanks to funding secured by Bernalillo County through New Mexico Association of Counties and the National Fire Plan funding through the Bureau of Land Management, hazardous vegetation within Bernalillo County rights-of-way will be thinned along portions of the main evacuation routes through the Sandia Knolls community.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- ✓ Reduce wildfire danger along the primary evacuation route serving the Sandia Knolls area.
- ✓ Improve emergency access for first responders during a wildfire.
- ✓ Improve evacuation routes, roadway visibility, and sightlines for resident safety.
- ✓ Survey Bernalillo County setbacks and rights-of-way along the evacuation routes.
- ✓ Reduce hazardous vegetation within County rights-of-way throughout the project area.
- ✓ Improve access for Bernalillo County Public Works to maintain and improve the roads.
- ✓ Provide community access to free firewood and wood chips generated by the project.

PROJECT TIMELINE | AUGUST 2026 - MARCH 2027

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|  AUG. - SEPT. — PNM clears hazardous vegetation within utility rights-of-way near aerial power lines. |  OCT. - MAR. — Vegetation thinning by Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District, depending on bark beetle activity. |
|  AUG. - OCT. — Survey of Bernalillo County setbacks and rights-of-way along the evacuation routes. |  APR. - MAY — Roadway and drainage final improvements. |
| |  APR. - MAY — Project finalization & inspection. |

Part of the East Mountain Evacuation Route Improvement and Hazardous Fuel Mitigation Projects

PROJECT PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

