

Recent Fire History



Jesuita Fire

The WRA was formed following the Sycamore Canyon Fire of 1977 that burned 195 homes in less than seven hours.

The Painted Cave Fire on June 27th, 1990 burned over 5,000 acres, 440 homes, 28 apartments and 30 other structures.

These recent local wildfires had a tremendous impact on the San Marcos Pass Communities:

Gaviota	7,440 acres
Zaca	240,207 acres
Gap	9,443 acres
	4 buildings destroyed
Tea	1,940 acres
	210 homes destroyed
Jesuita	8,733 acres
	80 homes destroyed
La Brea	89,489 acres

Our mission is to provide a liaison between the mountain communities and public safety agencies and to support the volunteer fire department and community safety activities.

The Wildland Residents Association, Inc., is a non-profit public benefit corporation, incorporated in 1982 under the laws of the State of California, as a §501 (c)(3) IRC corporation. All donations to the WRA are tax deductible. There are no salaried positions in the WRA. All work is done by volunteers.

The WRA serves as a liaison between the mountain communities and various government agencies. The Association provides the management of the San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department. The primary mission of the fire department is prevention, planning and preparation through education.

Fire suppression efforts are based on the concept of "self help." A quick initial attack prior to the arrival of County Fire and Forest Service firefighters has proven to be very successful in preventing small fires from becoming major incidents.



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Working to make our mountain community safer since 1982



PREVENTION

PLANNING

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San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department

The Wildland Residents Association—San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department serves the communities of the San Marcos Trout Club, East and West Camino Cielo, Rosario Park, Painted Cave, Paradise Road and San Marcos Pass with initial attack fire response through an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

Two compressed air foam systems (CAFS) units are stationed in the Trout Club and Rosario Park to provide a rapid response to local fires and emergencies.

The WRA makes your life and home safer through your generous support.

**SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
SUPPORT YOUR SAFETY
SUPPORT THE WRA**

JOIN THE WRA TODAY

Family: \$125
Individual: \$75
Organization: \$150
Business: \$350
Pioneer: \$500

Applications are available on our website. Membership and gifts are tax deductible.

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Fuel Mitigation Projects



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The WRA has raised and managed over \$750,000 in federal grants to reduce hazardous fuel loading throughout the San Marcos Pass.

WRA hazard reduction projects have included the opening of old roads, the re-establishment of former fuel breaks, clearing tons of heavy fuel and community clean-up.

The WRA's opening up the former quarry road from SR-154 through the Arnoldi Property on the Eastern side of the Maria Ignasio Creek was credited by fire officials with providing important access to responding fire crews during the Jesuita Fire. The access allowed firefighters to prevent the northwest flank of this rapidly advancing firestorm from reaching the Painted Cave Community.

In order to make you, your family and the community safer, the WRA has removed tons of old growth and debris. With your support the WRA works with other state Fire Safe Councils and local fire officials to develop local programs that benefit the San Marcos Pass communities.

Public Information

COMMUNITY ALERT

Not If, But When
Positive Preparation for Disaster

Community Alert is hosted by Ted Adams and Mike Williams on KZSB –AM 1290. The one hour program airs on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and again at 9 p.m. and Saturdays at 1 p.m. Community Alert is also available at <http://morenews.newspress.com/kzsb/player.html>.

Community Alert features guests with a specific focus on issues that relate to our mountain residents. It includes interviews with fire agencies, safety officials and emergency planners. During the Jesuita Fire, the program provided 17 1/2 hours of uninterrupted broadcasting.



In response to the 2004 Gaviota Fire, the WRA established the San Marcos Pass Emergency Radio Station (SMPERS). The station provides 24 hour emergency messages, community alerts, traffic advisories and some specific directions in case of fire or local emergency.

SMPERS— 1040 AM is owned and operated by the WRA.—San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department as part of the Santa Barbara County emergency information broadcasters network.