

## Recent Fire History



*Jesunita 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.

The following recent wildfires created a significant impact on the San Marcos Pass Communities and the Santa Barbara South Coast:

Gaviota	7,440 acres
Zaca	240,207 acres
Gap	9,443 acres
	4 structures destroyed
Tea	1,940 acres
	210 structures destroyed
Jesunita	8,733 acres
	80 structures destroyed
La Brea	89,489 acres
Whittier	14,430 acres
	16 structures destroyed
Thomas	281,892 acres
	2 killed
	1,063 structures destroyed
	280 structures damaged

*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 local community volunteers.

The WRA serves as a liaison between local and state government, public-safety agencies, Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council, Santa Barbara County Executive CERT Committee, Tri-counties Training Officers Association, the public information group Emergency Public Information Communicators (EPIC) and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD).

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**  
**PREPARATION**  
**EDUCATION**

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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 San Marcos Trout Club and Rosario Park providing 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



The WRA has raised and managed over one million dollars in federal, state and private grants for hazardous fuel loading reduction projects, communications systems, training and fire protection equipment throughout the San Marcos Pass communities.

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

The WRA's opening up of the former quarry road from SR-154 through the Arnoldi Property on the Eastern side of the Maria Ygnacio Creek was credited by fire officials with providing important access to responding fire crews during the Jesusita 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 the community safer, the WRA has removed tons of heavy fuel and debris. With your support the WRA will work with the Fire Safe Council and local fire officials to continue to develop and enhance local programs to protect the San Marcos Pass communities.

## Public Information

**COMMUNITY ALERT**  
**Not If, But When**  
**Positive Preparation for Disaster**

*Community Alert* program has been hosted by Ted Adams and Mike Williams on KZSB –AM 1290 since September 2008. The one hour program airs live on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and again at 9 p.m., 5 a.m. on Wednesday and Saturdays at 1 p.m. *Community Alert* simulcasts 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.



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, fire weather reports and 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.