

Wildfire & Flood

Since the 2000 Community Plan was adopted, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated a new floodplain in the Tesuque area describing areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and which are also subject to Santa Fe County's floodplain ordinance. Since the 2000 Community Plan was adopted, Santa Fe County has also identified Tesuque as belonging to the County's Urban Wildlife Interface Area—a geography that encompasses areas of the County that are at the highest risk of experiencing wildfire. Mitigating risk and enhancing emergency response capacity are priorities of this plan.

Goal: Increase capacity to respond to a wildfire event.

Strategy: Purchase and locate a supplemental water tank on land that supports the volunteer fire district's operational readiness and that minimizes visual/aesthetic impact.

Goal: Mitigate wildfire vulnerability.

Strategy: As the rate of fire spread increases as slope increases, the Tesuque community plan supports the County prohibiting construction on land where slope is thirty percent (30%) or greater.

Strategy: The Tesuque Valley Community Association will encourage residents to take advantage of the County's free service to assess household wildfire vulnerability. This service provides information to fire districts regarding how to effectively fight fires at the household levels and educates households as to steps they can take to mitigate their vulnerability to wildfire.

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