

Learning to Live with Fire



Proactive Steps for Wildfire Evacuation

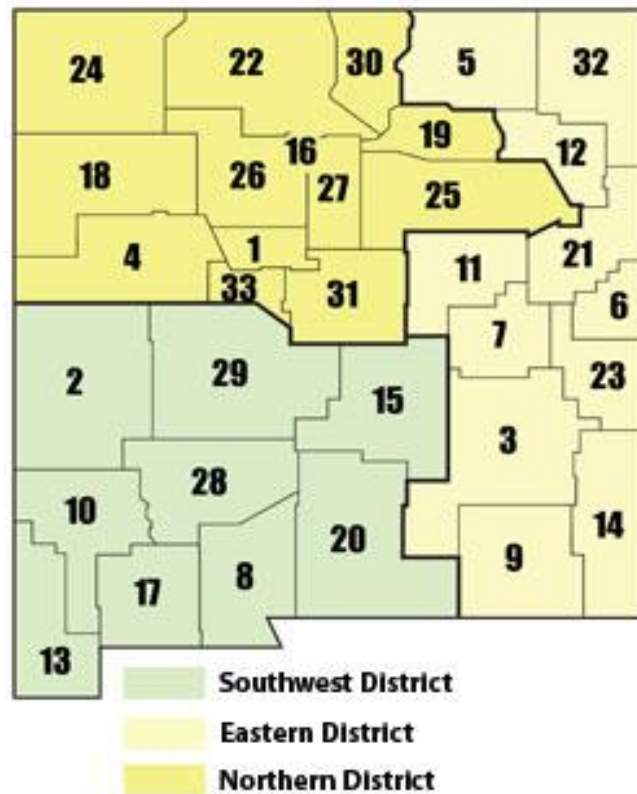
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| 1. Bernalillo | 18. McKinley |
| 2. Catron | 19. Mora |
| 3. Chaves | 20. Otero |
| 4. Cibola | 21. Quay |
| 5. Colfax | 22. Rio Arriba |
| 6. Curry | 23. Roosevelt |
| 7. De Baca | 24. San Juan |
| 8. Doña Ana | 25. San Miguel |
| 9. Eddy | 26. Sandoval |
| 10. Grant | 27. Santa Fe |
| 11. Guadalupe | 28. Sierra |
| 12. Harding | 29. Socorro |
| 13. Hidalgo | 30. Taos |
| 14. Lea | 31. Torrance |
| 15. Lincoln | 32. Union |
| 16. Los Alamos | 33. Valencia |
| 17. Luna | |



Cerro Grande Fire, Los Alamos, NM May 2000
235 structures, 43k acres, \$1 billion price tag...



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2021 Marshall Fire, Outside Boulder, CO, December 30-31
2 fatalities, 1084 structures destroyed, 6k acres, 36 hours, then snow...

Learning to Live with Fire: New Mexico's Lost Homes

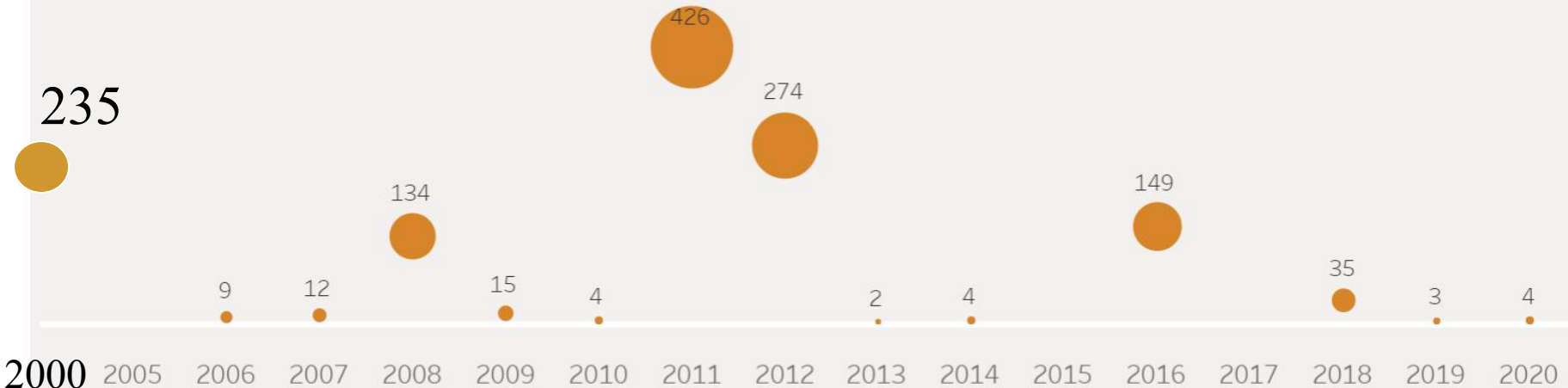


1,071 structures destroyed
(2005 to 2020)



68 wildfires that
destroyed structures

Structures Destroyed by Year



**HEADWATERS
ECONOMICS**

Be Prepared for Wildfire: Proactive Steps

Learning to Live with Fire: You Have 5 Minutes to Evacuate



Take Home Messages:

- 1. Leave Early**
- 2. Follow Evacuation Checklist (10 Ps)**
- 3. Forget the Garden Hose!**

Wildfire Evacuation: 10 Ps

1. People
2. Phone
3. Prescriptions

- Pets
- Photos
- Pocketbook
- Personal Computer
- Personal Items
- “Priceless” _____
- Papers

Learning to Live with Fire: **Proactive** **FIRE!!!** (Reverse 9-1-1) (CodeRed)

It's time to evacuate...

- ✓ Home is insured
- ✓ Photos and Papers are backed up
- ✓ Property is “FireWised”

#1 Load **P**eople and grab **P**hone & **P**rescriptions

As time permits:

#2 Grab **P**ets, **P**ocketbook, **P**C, “**P**riceless” & **P**ersonal Items

Go!!! Orderly Fashion...Following Escape Routes

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #1

- Sign Up for Emergency Notifications...
 - ✓ By County
 - ✓ By City
 - Search for “Alerts” and “Notifications”
 - ❖ Examples include: Reverse 9-1-1; CodeRed; Nixle.com
 - **Not Foolproof !!!**

Emergency Notification System List by New Mexico Counties

| County | Service | County | Service | County | Service |
|------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Bernalillo | Nixle.com | Harding | Nixle.com | Roosevelt | CodeRed |
| Catron | CodeRed & iPaws | Hidalgo | CodeRed | San Juan | AlertSense |
| Chaves | ? | Lea | CodeRed | San Miguel | CodeRed |
| Cibola | CodeRed | Lincoln | CodeRed & CallMeRuidoso | Sandoval | CodeRed |
| Colfax | CodeRed | Los Alamos | CodeRed & Emergency Mgt. Radio | Santa Fe | Reverse 9-1-1 & Alert Santa Fe |
| Curry | Nixle.com | Luna | ? | Sierra | CodeRed |
| De Baca | ? | McKinley | CodeRed | Socorro | ? |
| Doña Ana | Reverse 9-1-1 & Nixle.com | Mora | ? | Taos | AlertMe |
| Eddy | Reverse 9-1-1 & Hyperreach | Otero | Reverse 9-1-1 | Torrance | Code Red |
| Grant | CodeRed | Quay | Nixle.com | Union | Code Red |
| Guadalupe | ? | Rio Arriba | Nixle | Valencia | AlertSense |

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #2



Photo by
Les Stukenberg

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clothes)

ant, pet boarding)

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #3

- Inventory home contents
 - Create video with phone (photos work too)
 - ✓ One room per video
 - ✓ ~1 minute per room
- “There’s an App for that...” (here are a few examples)
 - ❖ *Sortly* ❖ *Memento* ❖ *Nest Egg* ❖ *MyStuff*
Database
- More detail is always better...

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #4

- Create **P**rescription Grab Bag
 - Make list of essential supplies:
 - ✓ Insulin, Inhaler, EpiPen, Heart Medication, ...
 - ✓ Typically, not over-the-counter drugs
 - Take a picture of bottle (prescription number)
 - 7-Day Supply
 - Essential medical devices
 - Infant needs as well...

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #5

- **Pet Evacuation Plan**
 - Pet carriers are critical!
 - Pet prescriptions (7-day supply)
 - Pet food (~3-5 day supply)
 - Pet supplies (vaccination records, collar, leash, ID, bowl, water,)
 - Pictures of pets...in case they get lost
 - More pets ∴ more planning required

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #6

• Photos!

- Avoid “Old School” option...
- Backup – Follow Rule of Two
- Digital

✓ Cloud options

✓ External Hard drive



❖ *Apple* ❖ *Google* ❖ *Dropbox* ❖ *Flickr* ❖ *Amazon*
iCloud *Photos* ❖ *e-mail* ❖ *Shutterfly* *Prime Photos*

➤ Prints / Slides / Negatives

❖ *Google PhotoScan*

➤ *Top 100 Photos*

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #7

- “Priceless”

- Family heirlooms:

Jewelry; Timepieces; Furniture; Recipes (hand written); Letters/Diaries/Scrapbooks; Military memorabilia; China; Quilts; Books; Collections (coins, stamps, baseball cards, vinyl); Wedding gowns; Trunks and chests; Musical instruments; Embroidered linens, Firearms, Art, Seeds, Photo albums; Anything else you like...

- Take some time to identify and prioritize...

- Transportation considerations...

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #8

- **Papers (Important Documents?)**
 - Most documents can be replaced...
 - On-site storage
 - ✓ Organized Container (suitable for transportation)
 - ✓ Digitized / Electronic Files
 - ✓ “Fire-Proof” Safe/Cabinets = Fire-Resistant
 - Check Underwriters Laboratories (UL) time: ½ - 4 hours
 - Check UL class rating: 125, 150, 350
 - UL 125 4 hrs. = internal max. temp. max at 4 hrs.

Learning to Live with Fire: Proactive Step #8

- **Papers (Important Documents?)**
 - Safe Deposit Box (Pros and Cons)
 - Online/Cloud Storage:
Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, etc.
Encryption services
 - Legal Professionals

- **Papers (Important Documents?)**

Keep Forever:

Adoption Papers
Birth Certificate
Citizenship Papers
Death Certificate
Divorce Decree

Will and Trust

Health Care Directive

Power of Attorney

Marriage License
Military Discharge Papers
Passport
Records of Paid Mortgages
Social Security Card

Taxes Documents

(7-years):

Tax Returns
W-2s and 1099 forms
Tax-related forms, receipts and records

Property Records:

Vehicle Registration & Titles
Mortgage statements, deeds & bills of sale
Insurance policies (home, auto, personal)

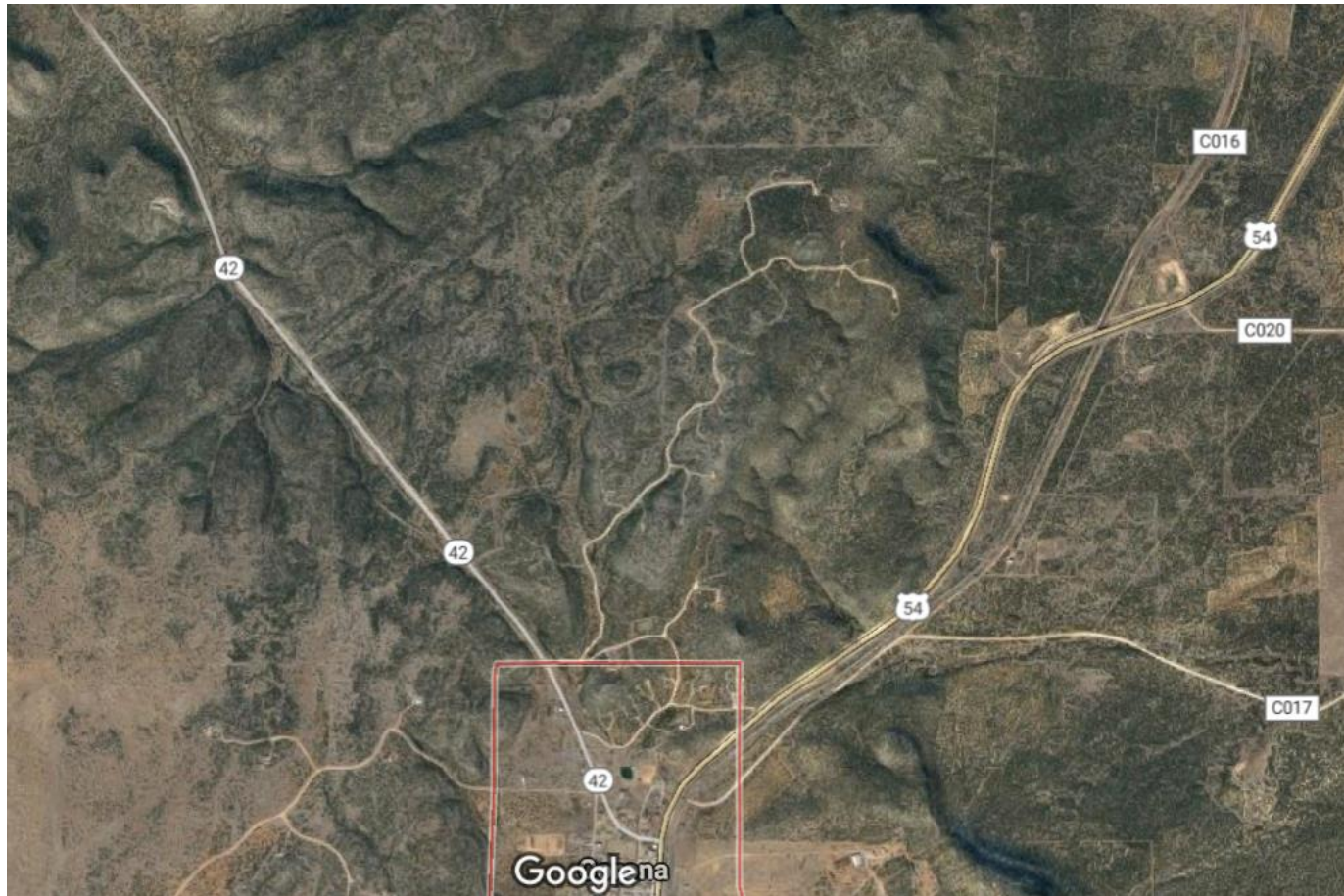
Medical Records:

Burial Instructions

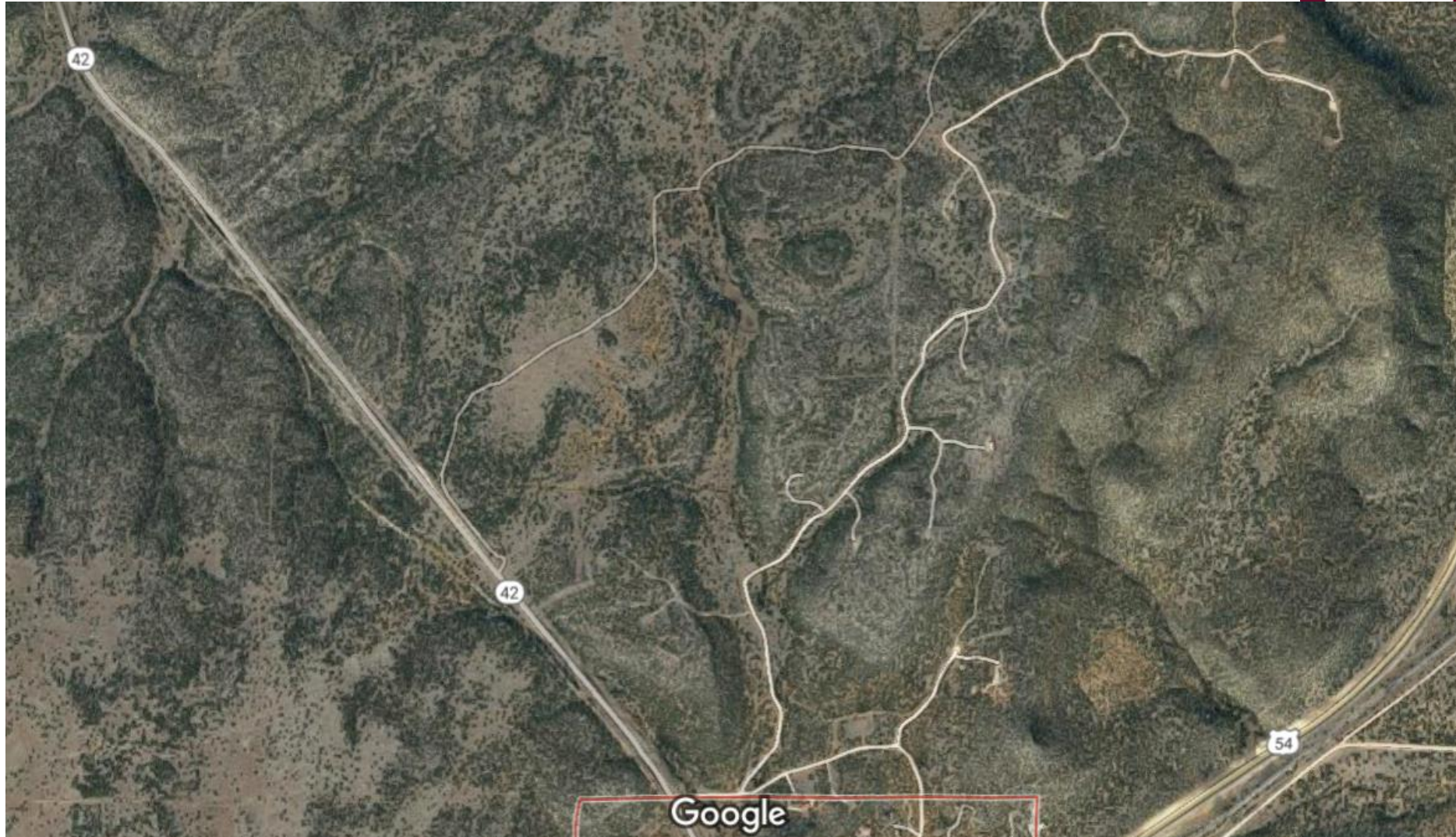
Health Insurance Policies

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Comments!

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Additional Resources

- Visit any NM county Cooperative Extension office to pick up our “Wildfire Evacuation Checklist” Magnet
- The evacuation checklist can also be downloaded from our website...
Google “NMSU Wildfire Evacuation”
- Recorded webinars are available on website



Additional Resources

- Fire Adapted New Mexico Learning Network
(FACNM.org)
- Southwest Border Food Protection and
Emergency Preparedness Center



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