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EAST MOUNTAIN FIRE PREPAREDNESS MEETING PLANNED

Due to unseasonably and dangerously dry conditions in the East Mountain area, Bernalillo County District 5 Commissioner Michael Brasher will start his annual "fire season" public information campaign early this year with a fire prevention meeting on **Wednesday, February 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Los Vecinos Community Center located at 478 ½ Old Highway 66, Tijeras.**

Representatives from the Bernalillo County Fire Department, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, the United States Forest Service, New Mexico State Forestry Department, La Madera Fire Department and other members of EMIFPA (East Mountain Interagency Fire Protection Association) will be on-hand to discuss current conditions, present information about what the local responders are prepared to do and how residents can prepare and prevent.

Bernalillo County has been under a "red flag alert" for a high incidence of wildfires since the start of the year. Joining Brasher will be Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue Chief Bett Clark.

"We want to be certain that everyone is prepared in the event of wildfire that threatens lives or properties," Commissioner Brasher says. "We look forward to answering local residents' questions and exploring ways to better protect ourselves."

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