JOIN THE COALITION!

Show your support by becoming a Coalition Member. Simply visit www.safepassagecoalition.org, click on “Join Us,” print the Membership Form, and mail it in. Or you can join at any of our meetings or public events. You will find a list of current members on the website.

COALITION MEETINGS

TCSPC meetings, open to any interested party, are held the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please contact us ahead of time in case of time or location change or to participate by telephone conference call.

You can take an active role by joining a TCSPC committee such as science and technical, land use and planning, communications, or finance or by helping with activities such as brush clearing or wildlife monitoring.

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Deer crossing warning and flashing lights that become triggered when wildlife get near the highway, thanks to the efforts of TCSPC.

The Tijeras Canyon Safe Passage Coalition (TCSPC) is a group of private citizens, organizations, and public agencies working to provide safe crossings for wildlife and safer travel for people in Tijeras Canyon, New Mexico.

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Wildlife Connectivity

Tijeras Canyon is one of the most critical wildlife connections in the Southwest. In fact, Tijeras Canyon is amongst the top four highest priority wildlife linkages identified in a statewide assessment. The Tijeras Canyon corridor connects the wildlife habitats of the Sandia and the Manzano Mountains in Central New Mexico. Mule deer, cougar, black bear, and other wildlife must travel between these mountain ranges to access water, food, mates, and territories.

Safety for People

Collisions due to motorists hitting or avoiding wildlife through Tijeras Canyon have been a serious and growing problem. Every year in New Mexico, on average, more than 1,300 car crashes and 20 motorcycle crashes involve animals. Every year more than 200 motorists die and 10,000 are injured from animal-vehicle collisions in the U.S., according to U.S. Health and Human Services. And experts estimate that these numbers reflect only about 50 percent of such collisions; the remainder go unreported.

TCSPC Accomplishments

- Five miles of wildlife fencing and passages completed in 2007
- Five more miles of fencing and passages scheduled for 2008/09
- Wildlife monitoring and non-native plant abatement
- Membership of more than 100 local citizens, organizations, and public agencies

Future TCSPC Goals

The Coalition will work with state agencies and other groups to ensure that construction of the recommended fencing and passages is completed. We will continue to help monitor the construction for effectiveness. Based on the monitoring data, we will work to fund future construction as needed to provide safe passage for both wildlife and people through Tijeras Canyon. The Coalition will facilitate the conservation of parcels important to the long-term maintenance of the established wildlife corridors.