

# Socorro County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) 2018

On page 28 of the [2018 CWPP](#) is the Socorro County Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)/Watershed Priority Matrix Hazard Rating Table. A score of 15 is the highest possible numerical rating indicating the most danger. Here are ratings for communities in our area:

Magdalena 6/15

Mill Canyon 7/15

Riley, Abby Springs, Alamo 8/15

Water Canyon, Patterson Canyon 12/15

Hop Canyon 13/15

Patterson Canyon is in a 7-way tie for the second most dangerous community in the County. Hop Canyon has the highest rating of 13; that is to say it is the most dangerous community in Socorro County.

The Hop and Patterson watersheds join together and drain through Magdalena. In the event of a catastrophic wildfire that devastates Hop and Patterson canyons, watershed response will be greatly increased during the monsoon season due to hydrophobic soils and antecedent moisture conditions — thereby flooding Magdalena!

Russell Thrun, Fire Management Officer (FMO) for NMSF said that he was going to appear before the Village Board and air the potential for flooding and the need for a flood monitoring system. I believe the government offices shut down before Russell could get on the agenda and make an appearance.

Best wishes,

Neil Gray, Chair and Muddler in Chief

Hop and Patterson Firewise Community

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