



Pipeline West Flood Area

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Welcome to the City of Flagstaff's Pipeline West flood area eNews. Please email info@pipelinewestflooding.com with any questions. These eNews will be released regularly to provide updates as information becomes available.

BACKGROUND

The Pipeline Fire was reported on June 12, 2022, approximately 6 miles north of Flagstaff within the Coconino National Forest. The fire burned 26,532 acres, including portions of the Schultz Creek and Chimney watersheds. A burn scar assessment and flood modeling subsequently showed potential post-wildfire flood risk to neighborhoods on the west side of Flagstaff. Both the City of Flagstaff and the Coconino County Flood Control District are collaborating with public and private partners and taking extensive measures and precautions to mitigate damage from future potential flood events.

UPDATE ON SCHULTZ CREEK DETENTION BASINS

Work has begun to construct the Schultz Creek Sediment and Flood Mitigation Detention Basins on the 20-acre parcel of City-owned land at the northeast corner of the intersection of E. Mt Elden Lookout Rd and Schultz Pass Rd. This week, work will focus on surveying the property, clearing the area, protecting vegetation and delivering necessary materials. Please avoid the area if possible due to the construction activity.

The basins project will help mitigate post-wildfire flooding from the Pipeline Fire, which burned over 1,000 acres of the Schultz Creek watershed in June 2022 and resulted in an increased risk of post-wildfire flooding for neighborhoods downstream, including Coyote Springs, Coconino Estates, Downtown and the Southside. The project will detain over 40 acre-feet of water and sediment, thereby reducing life and safety threats as well as the risk of post-wildfire flooding. The City received \$2.4M in assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to aid in the construction of the basins through the NRCS's Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

Electronic Newsletters

The City will send out electronic newsletters (such as these) on a regular basis as updates become available. To receive eNewsletters and other updates, please visit flagstaff.az.gov/PipelineWest and fill out the contact form.

Additional questions?

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