



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.

2023 EMERGENCY ALERT THRESHOLDS

The City of Flagstaff and the Coconino County Flood Control District, in partnership with Coconino County Emergency Management, conduct an annual review of rainfall gauge thresholds to determine when emergency notifications should be sent out to neighborhoods impacted by post-wildfire flooding during rain events. This year's review for the Schultz Creek/ Pipeline West flood area determined that no changes are needed from the thresholds used last year. During rain events in 2023, emergency notifications will continue to be sent out as per the established thresholds outlined in the graphic below. Flood Directors will also take into account the capacity of Schultz Creek Detention Basins and other watershed conditions when determining when to send out emergency notifications.

Residents are urged to sign up for emergency notifications at coconino.az.gov/ready to ensure they receive potentially lifesaving notifications on flood alerts this monsoon season.

Schultz Creek/Pipeline West Emergency Alerts

Know Your Area's Rainfall Thresholds & Alert Notifications

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS
COCONINO.AZ.GOV/READY

SIGN-UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Threshold	Alert Details
3 0.75" of rain in 15 min	Rainfall Gauge Threshold 3 An Emergency Notification Alert will be issued to the entire downtown Flagstaff, Creighton Estates, Coconino Estates, Cheshire, Anasazi Ridge, Coyote Springs, and Highway 180 areas*
2 0.40" of rain in 15 min	Rainfall Gauge Threshold 2 An Emergency Notification Alert will be issued to the Creighton Estates, Coconino Estates, Cheshire, Anasazi Ridge, Coyote Springs, and Highway 180 areas*
1 0.25" of rain in 15 min	Rainfall Gauge Threshold 1 City and Flood Control District personnel will be activated to monitor drainages and water flows. No emergency notification alerts will be sent.

*Watershed conditions and the capacity of the Schultz Creek Detention Basins are also considered in determining when to issue Emergency Notifications.
Visit Flagstaff.az.gov/PipelineWest for more information.

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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