

April 2, 2014

Andrew L. Bertelsen
Director

Dear Paintbrush Area Property Owner,

Mike Lopker
Deputy Director

I am writing to let you know that on Tuesday, April 1, the Coconino County Flood Control District approved the financial and technical assistance agreements and the special use permit required to construct the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) on- and off-forest flood mitigation measures for the Paintbrush North EWP flood mitigation project. The following day, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) also approved these agreements.

Lucinda Andreani
Deputy Director

Dustin Woodman
Engineering Division
Manager

This is great news for the County's flood mitigation efforts in the Paintbrush area. Since last summer, the County has been working with Civiltec Engineering and Natural Channel Design to develop an integrated on- and off-forest conveyance network to help mitigate flooding in the overall Paintbrush neighborhood by effectively conveying floodwater from the forest boundary to Highway 89. After months of analysis, design, engineering, and securing the necessary funding and drainage easements, the County is now ready to break ground on the newest Schultz Flood area EWP floodwater conveyance project that reduces the flooding threat to lives, public infrastructure, utilities and private property.

Ted Wolff
Maintenance
Superintendent

Ron Hollamon
Solid Waste Manager

Byron Browning
Fleet Services Manager

Minerva Ramirez-Lopez
Administrative Manager

I want to thank the property owners that provided easements in support of the project. Your cooperation was critical to this project. As you know, the Paintbrush neighborhood remains among the most heavily impacted during our annual monsoon seasons. During last summer's monsoon, for example, properties on Paintbrush Lane and throughout the corridor sustained their most significant flooding since the Schultz Fire of 2010, including damage from the largest storm to hit the entire burn area to date that produced 2.6 inches of rainfall in one hour.

Marc Della Rocca
Community Relations
Manager

Designed to accommodate a five year, 6-hour storm event, the Paintbrush North EWP Project includes the creation of sediment reduction measures on the forest and the construction of an off-forest floodwater conveyance. The conveyance runs from Paintbrush Lane to the intersection of Campbell Avenue and Linda Lane. From there, floodwaters will travel down through the Lower Campbell Ditch to the culverts at Highway 89.

The flood mitigation plans for the Paintbrush North EWP Project are very similar to the 60 percent plans that were presented at our last corridor meeting on February 20, 2014. If you would like to review materials from this meeting, then please visit the Paintbrush North EWP project web page at <http://www.coconino.az.gov/PBNorthEWProject>.

Our goal is to break ground by next week and complete the Paintbrush North EWP Project by June 30, 2014. Between this project and work on the Upper Campbell EWP and Alice Crossing projects, this will be a very busy construction season in the Schultz Flood area. Although construction will primarily affect

properties located adjacent to the Paintbrush North alignment, residents living north and south of the alignment should be aware that construction also will temporarily impact some area streets including those that are crossed by the alignment. These streets include Campbell Avenue, Linda Lane, Rodeo Drive, Lupine Lane and the Paintbrush/Pinon/El Oro area. Traffic control will be installed on these streets as needed during the construction period. Barring any unforeseen issues, no road closures are planned.

We ask for your patience and thank you for your cooperation during this project. As the safety of residents and work crews is of paramount concern during construction, we also ask that you please exercise caution around these construction zones and follow all traffic restrictions accordingly.

The Paintbrush North EWP Project is a necessary and valuable addition to the Schultz Flood area's flood mitigation network. However, it is extremely important to remember that these measures are designed to mitigate, not eliminate the threat of flooding in your neighborhood. Because the threat of flooding will remain a fact of life in the Schultz Flood area, the County (again) strongly encourages residents to purchase or renew flood insurance if they have not already done. Information about the National Flood Insurance Program can be found at www.floodsmart.gov or by calling the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-720-1093. Furthermore, the County encourages property owners to retain the concrete barriers until further watershed recovery takes place.

Long-term flood mitigation has always been a community driven process. As we prepare to move forward with installation of on-forest and neighborhood flood mitigation measures, it is important to acknowledge that none of these efforts would have been possible without support and interest of property owners like you. Although the next few months will be challenging for us all, I have no doubt that the reduction of flood threats will be of lasting benefit to you and the Paintbrush neighborhood.

If you have any questions about this project, then please call the Flood Hotline at (928) 679-8390 or email staff at schultzmitigation@coconino.az.gov. The County appreciates your cooperation, and thanks you again for your support of flood mitigation in the Schultz Flood area.

Sincerely,



Lucinda Andreani
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