County Flood Control District Reiterates Greater Risk of Flooding in Schultz-Pipeline Area North of Flagstaff

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — After further flood risk modeling of the nine watersheds affected by the recent Pipeline Fire, the Coconino County Flood Control District (District) held a meeting last evening to make residents aware of the increased risk of post-wildfire flooding to the neighborhoods north of Flagstaff, including Timberline, Wupatki Trails, Fernwood, and Doney Park.

At this virtual meeting the District and its Engineering Consultants shared detailed results of the most recent flood risk modeling and provided important information regarding the need for flood mitigation. Those that missed the meeting are strongly encouraged to view the recording, which has been archived on the County’s YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmpYxNDrh5g

Importantly and as discussed at the meeting, the District will be providing exhibits/maps showing the homes where our Engineering Consultants recommend emergency flood mitigation measures. These exhibits will be by area and will show the type of mitigation recommended, the location of the recommended measure, and details relative to those measures. The vast majority of homes identified for mitigation show the use of sandbags. Concrete barriers have only been recommended where there is high velocity floodwater and are denoted separately by color. The recommended mitigation exhibits are being placed as completed on the District’s website: https://www.coconino.az.gov/2926/SchultzPipeline-Flood-Area

Residents in these neighborhoods with the potential for greater flood risk are strongly encouraged to reach out to the District via email, pipelinefirefloodarea@coconino.az.gov and begin recommended mitigation efforts immediately. If a home is recommended for concrete barriers, the
property owner on file will be contacted. However, the District lacks contact information for most residents, all are encouraged to immediately reach out via email to pipelinefirefloodarea@coconino.az.gov with the property owner’s name(s), physical address, mailing address, email, and cell phone numbers. A signed Cooperator Agreement must be obtained from all property owners before the District can assist with mitigation involving concrete barriers.

Residents needing sandbags may obtain them at the following locations:
- Copeland Detention Basin
- Brandis Way at Hwy 89
- Brandis Way at Ostrich Lane
- Campbell Ave at Hwy 89
- Wupatki Trails at the end of Ventoso Court
- Cromer Elementary School on Silver Saddle Rd.
- Vacant lot adjacent to Cromer Elementary
- Stardust Trail & Mercury Drive
- Stardust Trail & McGee Road

Priority must be given to those homes recommended for mitigation, The District asks property owners of homes not identified for mitigation not to utilize sandbags given the very limited quantity available.

Sandbags should be placed within 10 feet of the home and only placed to mitigate impacts to homes NOT outbuildings or other structures. For more sandbag information, including station maps, please visit https://www.coconino.az.gov/2936/Sandbag-Information

Residents are also encouraged to frequently visit the District’s special website set-up as a consolidated source of information about preparation, mitigation, and flood insurance. This information will be updated regularly; bookmarking the page and referring to it often is recommended. That direct URL is: https://www.coconino.az.gov/2926/SchultzPipeline-Flood-Area

The Coconino County Flood Control District is charged with reducing the risk of flood loss, minimizing the impact of floods on human safety, health and welfare, and restoring and preserving the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains. More information can be found online: https://coconino.az.gov/1450/Flood-Control-District