

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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RE: Flood Insurance Questions

Dear County Residents,

Monsoon season is in full swing. Consequently, it is important for our residents and business owners to understand their flood risk and how flood insurance can reduce their financial risk.

Flooding in Coconino County can happen anywhere it rains, not just in areas shown as high-risk on the flood maps. For example, areas of recent or past wildfires (e.g., Schultz, Tunnel, Museum and Pipeline burn areas) are now at a much higher risk of post-wildfire flooding. Property owners in these areas are strongly encouraged to purchase flood insurance and take precautions to physically mitigate their properties. For more information, please visit www.coconino.az.gov/RecommendedFloodMitigationExhibits. If you have specific questions about the Schultz/Pipeline and West Pipeline Recommended Mitigation Exhibits, then please email us at PipelineFireFloodArea@coconino.az.gov.

To look up your flood risk based on what existed prior to the wildfires, please visit <https://msc.fema.gov>. To learn more about FEMA's remapping activities in Coconino County, visit www.coconino.az.gov//FEMAFloodRiskRemapping. If you have questions about the County's flood maps (pre-existing prior to the wildfires), then please call us at 928-679-8300 or email us at FEMAFloodMap@coconino.az.gov.

Even if your home is not in a high-risk area or near a burn scar area, more than 1 out of 3 flood claims in Arizona come from moderate and low-risk areas. To learn more about flood insurance and what options are best for you, contact your insurance agent or visit www.FloodSmart.gov. Also, note that the National Flood Insurance Program has changed the way they rate flood insurance policies, called Risk Rating 2.0. We have also enclosed some frequently asked questions.

The risk of flooding is real in Coconino County. We hope you take the time to learn what your flood risk is and what actions you can take to reduce it, including flood insurance.

Sincerely,



Lucinda Andreani
Flood Control District Administrator
Deputy County Manager