



Museum Fire Flood Projects

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Welcome to the City of Flagstaff's Museum Fire Flood Projects eNews. Please email info@museumfloodprojects.com with any questions. These eNews will be released regularly to provide updates on all the City's Museum Fire Flood Projects.

BACKGROUND

On July 21, 2019, the Museum Fire broke out in the Dry Lake Hills area just north of Flagstaff within the Coconino National Forest. The fire ultimately charred 1,961 acres, including a significant portion of the Spruce Wash Watershed. Flood modeling subsequently showed potential flood risk to neighborhoods in Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff. Both the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County Flood Control District immediately took extensive measures and precautions to mitigate damage from flood events.

Throughout the summer of 2021, unprecedented rain events impacted the Museum Fire burn scar and caused multiple rounds of flash flooding in Flagstaff neighborhoods. The City of Flagstaff continues to collaborate with both the public and private partners to lessen the impact of flooding in the affected Flagstaff neighborhoods.

DORTHA AVE REOPENING

Starting Friday, August 19, Dortha Ave between Main St. And Rose St. will be reopened to traffic. The road has been closed to traffic due to Museum Fire post-wildfire flooding but can now be reopened due to the completion of an important flood mitigation infrastructure project.

The flood mitigation project entailed improvements to the open drainage channel between Cedar and Dortha and reconstruction of the drainage inlet in Dortha to increase capacity. This project is one component of the overall Spruce Wash improvements in response to the Museum Fire post-wildfire flood impacts in the Spruce Wash that the community experienced during the 2021 monsoon season. The City thanks residents in the area for their patience during the construction period.

Please note that residents in the area are advised to keep flood mitigation measures, such as sandbags, in place. While flood mitigation projects such as the Dortha channel improvements are designed to lessen the damage caused by post-wildfire flooding, they do not eliminate the risk of flooding.

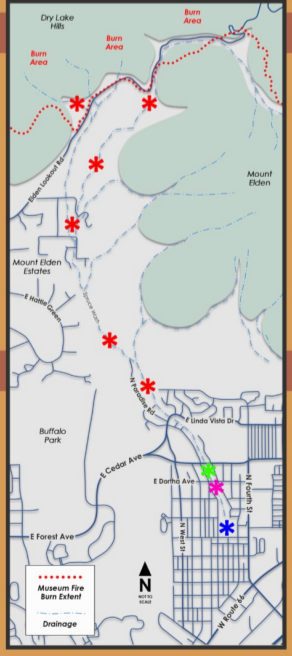
FLOOD INSURANCE WEBINAR

Residents who want to learn more about FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, private flood insurance, and other post-wildfire flooding resources are invited to a free online webinar on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The event is co-hosted by both the City of Flagstaff and the Coconino County Flood Control District and will feature a presentation from a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program. Topics will include an explanation of flood maps, an overview of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program and the Risk Rating 2.0 system, as well as private flood insurance and additional resources.

The webinar will be streamed live via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81184634826> and simulcast on the Coconino County YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/coconinocnty

FREE FLOOD INSURANCE WEBINAR
MONDAY AUGUST 22 6:30pm
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Additional questions?
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Key Flood Projects

- Key projects are identified by the corresponding colored asterisk on the map to the left:
- * Alluvial Fan Restoration and Sediment Reduction (Led by the Coconino County Flood Control District)
 - * Spruce Wash Channel Improvements Project (Cedar Avenue to Dortha Avenue)
 - * Spruce Wash Channel Improvements Project (Dortha Avenue Inlet)
 - * Killip School Regional Detention Basins Project

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