

# YAVAPAI COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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Re: Tenderfoot Fire, Yarnell, Arizona

Dear Parcel Owner:

The Tenderfoot Fire recently burned an area near Yarnell, AZ. Fire damage to the upper watershed areas will most likely result in increased runoff from the affected watersheds during rainstorms and will be most pronounced during the upcoming monsoon season. There is a reasonable risk that areas in and surrounding Yarnell will see increased flows and mudflows as the debris and ash from the fire is washed downstream. Soils in recently burned areas tend to accept less rainfall, thereby increasing the amount of runoff and shorten warning time for runoff events.

The County is performing drainage work to increase drainage capacity and help alleviate potential flooding in and around Yarnell, AZ. To increase stormwater capacity and to help reduce flooding risks, property owners are encouraged to proactively be cleaning out the ditches, washes, and/or water courses on their own private property. For those that would like to secure sandbags to help protect their property from flooding, sandbags and sand can be obtained and filled for private use at the Yarnell fire station.

Yavapai County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Any residential structure in Yavapai County is insurable under the NFIP regardless of flood risk zone. This includes structures included in the Special Flood Hazard Area as mapped by FEMA. The 30-day waiting period for flood insurance may be waived for properties affected by flooding caused or exacerbated by wildfire that started on adjacent Federal Lands. The monsoon season starts around July 1, so it is critical if you intend to purchase flood insurance.

Handouts relating to flooding, flood insurance and methods to protect ones property are included with this letter. Please take some time to review the enclosed information.

You can find out more about flood insurance from your insurance agent or the website [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). For flood risk or insurance information specific to your property, please feel free to contact the Flood Control District at (928) 771-3197.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel A. Cherry".

Dan Cherry, P.E., CFM, Director  
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