

- It's about reducing risk
- It's about an exceptional danger
- It's about partnering with others
- It's about quality of life
- It's about an investment in our future
- It's about viewing our forests as an integral part of our water system

Agencies Involved

- City of Flagstaff
- Coconino National Forest
- AZ State Land Department
- AZ State Forestry Division

Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project

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FWPP website: Visit us at

www.flagstaffwatershedprotection.org

Twitter: You can also follow us on Twitter at

[@flgwatershed](https://twitter.com/flgwatershed)

Flickr: View project pictures at

www.flickr.com/photos/flagstaffwatershedprotection

Coconino National Forest NEPA:

View documents and submit comments at

www.fs.usda.gov/Coconino

Coconino National Forest– Flagstaff Ranger

Station: (928) 526-0866

City of Flagstaff, Fire Administration:

(928) 213-2500

The risks of wildfire and post-wildfire flooding cannot be eliminated; the goal of this project is to reduce those risks as effectively as possible

The City of Flagstaff, Arizona and the Flagstaff Ranger District, Coconino National Forest State of Arizona

Background

- November 2012—Voter approved \$10 million bond to support forest restoration work in two key Flagstaff watersheds
- Forest treatments will reduce the risk of severe fire behavior and post-fire flood effects
- 2010 Schultz Fire demonstrated the potential impacts of severe fire and flooding our community faces
- Post-fire flooding could significantly impact numerous neighborhoods, downtown, NAU and the Lake Mary reservoir (about 50% of the City's water supply)
- This is one of a few examples in the country where forest health treatments in National Forests are funded by a municipality and the only known instance where such an effort is funded by municipal bonds

Without forest treatments, the current combination of excess forest fuels, certainty of lightning, human-caused ignitions and dry conditions guarantee the occurrence of destructive wildfires in our forests

Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP)

- A partnership effort between the State of Arizona, City and Coconino National Forest to help reduce the risk of devastating wildfire and post-fire flooding in the Rio de Flag and Lake Mary watersheds
- This project will restore forests, reduce fire danger, and protect the community at large



Smoke plume from the Schultz Fire as seen from the east side of Flagstaff near Campbell Mesa, June 20, 2010

Project Area

- North of Flagstaff in the Dry Lake Hills
- South of Lake Mary at Mormon Mountain
- AZ state owned parcels within the city
- About 13,500 acres total

Forest Treatments

- Treatments may include traditional logging, hand thinning, prescribed fire, helicopter or cable logging



Timeline

- NEPA project planning is underway and will continue through the end of Summer 2014
- Some treatments have begun. Large scale treatments will begin in Fall 2014
- Work will likely continue for the next 8-10 years

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