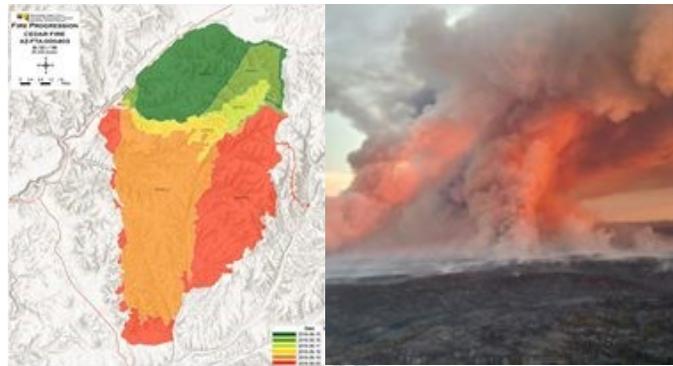


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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

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Cedar Fire Ignites on 6/15/16

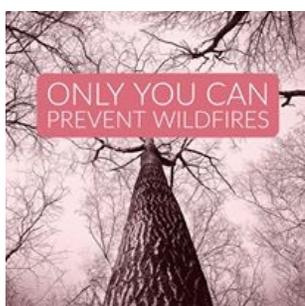
Extremely dry forest conditions prompted the start of Stage I restrictions on June 15, 2015 at 8:00 am and less than four hours later local crews from fire districts, BIA, State Forestry and Federal Forestry were battling what is now the largest wildfire in Arizona this season engulfing over 49,000 acres. John Pierson, Type I Team Incident Commander credited those first responders with “setting us up for success” in fighting the massive blaze. Initially the fire threatened the communities of Forestdale, Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside and HonDah-McNary and pre-evacuation orders were issued and emergency shelters set up in Snowflake and Eagar. The sudden shift in winds on Father’s Day caused the communities of Carrizo and Cedar Creek also to initiate pre-evacuation orders. The fire has been declared 100% contained as of July 2, 2016. Many thanks to all the first responders, Fire Fighters, Law Enforcement, 911 Dispatchers, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Emergency Management, Humane Society, Snowflake, Eagar, Cibecue and Holbrook Schools, Apache County call center and countless other support staff and volunteers who selflessly gave their time in support of the communities at risk. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to you all.



198th Regional Support Group Comes to Show Low

The 198th Regional Support Group (RSG) from the Arizona National Guard came to Show Low on June 10, 2016 to demonstrate for local leaders the capabilities and resources the State has in times of emergencies. Arizona Division of Emergency Management Director Wendy Smith-Reeve explained the process in which resources can be requested by local governments to the State Department of Emergency Management. The 198th Regional Support Group is a Brigade level organization in the Arizona Army National Guard and is headquartered at Papago Park Military Reservation.

The mission of the 198th Regional Support Group is to conduct base camp management and operations, operate base defense operations center (BDOC), and provides mission command for domestic operations.



Post Fire Flooding Expected

Due to the burn severity in many areas of the Cedar Fire the communities of Cedar Creek and Carrizo are down hill and will be impacted by severe monsoonal storms. The Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team has installed emergency watershed protection, K-rails and sandbags around structures, warning devices and rain gauges upstream of the communities to provide advance warning to citizens should a flooding emergency occur.

WaterAlert is a USGS Service where you can subscribe to be notified by email and/or text (SMS) of user defined conditions at a USGS gaging station. This service is FREE. You can set it up to message you of a given amount of rain at a station in the period of 1,2,4,6,12, or 24 hours. It can also message you if the water level exceeds a stage set by you.

Here is the URL to the page where you can subscribe:
<http://water.usgs.gov/wateralert/index.html>

YTD Wildfire Statistic as of 7-8-16

961 Human caused wildfires have burned 75,501 acres. Total so far this season including lightning caused is 1,205 wildfires and 177,108 burned acres.

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State Zika Summit and Health Related Training

The Zika Summit held on May 24, 2016 focused on Zika response plans, laboratory diagnostics, follow-up for positive Zika cases, and best practices for vector surveillance and control. Cathy Solomon, Public Health Nurse attended this conference and also attended The APIC (Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology) conference June 11-13th. There were a wide range of topics including sessions that centered on drug resistant and why these have come about so quickly and strategies to manage them without antibiotics that will work.

Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) Meets with Public Health Preparedness

Jennifer Flake, Navajo County Public Health Preparedness (PHEP) and Catrina Jenkins, Navajo County Emergency Management met with Kathy Kent, Racelle Carlson and Jacob Johnson from NACOG to discuss evacuation plans for elderly and access and functional needs clients served through NACOG. Jennifer discussed that the Ready Navajo County emergency notification system has the capability to capture access and functional needs if citizens choose to volunteer this information. Kathleen will be working closely with NACOG clients and PHEP to promote registration in the Ready Navajo County system. Building partnerships is what the "Whole Community" philosophy is all about.

Cyber Security, Its Everyone's Responsibility

Recent cyber security crimes have affected local governments, hospitals, banking institutions and retail stores holding hostage data and personal information. According to an FBI newsletter between May 27th 2016 and June 9th 2016 the state of Arizona saw 361 successful cyber-attacks that were reported to law enforcement. Those 361 attacks cost over four million dollars to the victims and their organizations. Here are some steps you can take when accessing your email:

1. Protect your/our information – Don't send files or emails containing sensitive information, such as bank account numbers, social security numbers, etc. If you have a need to send sensitive information over email, make sure that you double check the receiving email address.
2. Don't click on links – Rather than clicking on links, hover over the links to see where the hyperlink is redirecting you to. When in doubt, contact IT to investigate the link.
3. Check the address – Be mindful of who is emailing you by checking the email address for accuracy.
4. Don't open attachments – If you were not expecting the attachment then you should be suspicious of it. Again, when in doubt contact IT.



Annual Firewise Day

Pinetop Community Association in partnership with the Pinetop Fire District and Navajo County Emergency Management is hosting their Annual Firewise Day open house event on July 30, 2016 at the Pinetop Fire Department 5976 Bucksprings Road, Pinetop, AZ on July 30, 2016 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Guest speakers from forest service and industry, local garden nurseries and others will be on hand. This is a family fun event with activities for all. Food and door prizes are just part of the fun. We live, work and play in a wildland urban interface and its up to us to learn how to protect ourselves, our homes and our communities.



Free Safety Training offered by FEMA

FEMA offers some very good online independent study courses that provides employees and citizens with some basic and common sense approaches to mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery in emergencies. The classes are designed to be short in nature, interactive and will provide a certificate of completion after you pass the online test. The online courses are free and a FEMA ID is required to access the online classes. Interested employees and citizens can apply for their FEMA ID by going to the website: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID>. FEMA Independent Study website: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

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ZIKA VIRUS PREVENTION



WHAT IS ZIKA VIRUS?

Zika virus is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (pinkeye). Zika virus poses the greatest danger to pregnant women, as there have been reports of microcephaly in babies whose mothers were infected while pregnant.

GET THE FACTS

- No vaccine exists to prevent Zika virus.
- Prevent Zika virus by avoiding mosquito bites (see reverse side).
- Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime.
- Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus also spread dengue and chikungunya viruses.



For more information on protecting yourself from Zika virus, visit:

www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention

Contact us:
navajocountyaz.gov | 928-532-6050

DRAIN & COVER

- Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.
- Cover your skin with long-sleeved shirts and pants. Treat all clothing and gear with permethrin.
- Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered mosquito repellent. When used as directed, these repellents are safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

- Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out.
- Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are not able to protect yourself from mosquito bites.
- Dress children in clothing that covers their arms and legs, and cover cribs, strollers, etc., with mosquito netting.
- Do not use insect repellent on children younger than 2 months old.



IF YOU HAVE ZIKA VIRUS...

- To help prevent others from getting sick, avoid mosquito bites during the first week of illness.
- To help prevent spreading Zika virus through sex, use condoms the right way every time you have sex (vaginal, anal and oral). **Not having sex is the best way to be sure that someone does not get sexually transmitted Zika virus.**



BUILD YOUR OWN ZIKA VIRUS PREVENTION KIT

If you live in an area with the mosquito that spreads the Zika virus, always keep the following items on hand:

- A bed net
- Standing water treatment tabs
- Insect repellent
- A thermometer
- Permethrin spray
- Condoms



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