

Health Related Information - The Coconino County Health Department (CCHD) has issued a smoke advisory effective Tuesday, June 22, for the Wupatki Estates, Timberline, Fernwood, and Hutchinson Acres areas and extending south down Highway 89 to the Lake Mary area. The smoke may continue further south depending upon weather conditions.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Hazardous Air Emergency Response anticipates a “drainage flow” that will create very high smoke concentrations in these areas. Smoke is expected to increase from 10:00 pm on Tuesday, June 22 until 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 23, with the heaviest smoke expected at sunrise.

CCHD officials urge residents to take precautions in areas with heavy smoke from wildfires. Anyone who can taste or smell smoke or is experiencing limited visibility due to smoke should curtail outdoor activity. If you are in the areas with heavy smoke, you are advised to remain indoors or to leave the area if you experience breathing difficulties. When heavy smoke is present, people with heart disease, lung disease or asthma should avoid outdoors entirely, as should children and the elderly. Please consult your healthcare provider with health concerns.

For more information on smoke inhalation, visit the Health Department website at www.coconino.az.gov/health.aspx?id=6564, or call (928)679-7272.

Special Needs – Residents who have specific medical needs or conditions that require special equipment (e.g., oxygen), are advised to contact their local provider. For information on Red Cross shelters, call 800-842-7349.

Utilities/Services:

Gas services – UniSource representatives will reconnect gas in homes where gas service has been disconnected due to safety concerns. Citizens who shut off their own gas service are strongly encouraged to contact UniSource at 928-525-8103 to schedule reconnection and safety checks. For propane tanks, citizens are encouraged to check the connection for damage between the tank and the house. For more information, call your local provider. (Natural gas pipelines in the area, Transwestern and El Paso, are fully operational; they don't directly serve the public).

APS – All homes have been re-energized as of June 22 and are ready for re-entry. For more information, residents may call 800-253-9504.

Qwest – No reported outages in the area. To schedule repairs, or for more information, call 800-573-1311.

Doney Park Water – All water lines have been repaired and water is available to residents and businesses. For more information, call 928-526-1080 (business office and after hours).

NPG Cable – No reported outages in the area. For more information, call 928-774-5336.

Arizona Daily Sun – Ready for re-circulation when evacuation order is lifted. For more information, call the Circulation Department at 928-774-4545.

Transportation Assistance – Mountain Line transit service is available for individual assistance as needed. For more information, call 928-310-4802 or 928-607-7061.

U.S. Postal Service Mail Delivery - Mail for postal customers whose homes are in evacuated areas or in areas inaccessible to vehicles due to road closures has been held at the Flagstaff Main Post Office, 2400 N. Postal Blvd., Flagstaff, since Monday, June 21. Mail is available for pickup by those customers with a photo ID card at the Main Post Office during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays) until the evacuation is declared lifted by law enforcement officials.

If the evacuation is announced as lifted prior to 9 a.m. on a regular delivery day (Monday through Saturday), mail will be delivered to those addresses that day. If an announcement that residents may return to the area is made after 9 a.m. on a delivery day, mail delivery will begin on the following regular delivery day. Any mail that was not picked up by residents during the evacuation period will be delivered to those customers on the first day delivery is resumed.

Animal/Livestock Issues - Large animals and livestock should remain at their current locations temporarily and, to keep the animals calm, they should be returned home in the evening hours when air operations have

ceased for the day, and residents have inspected their property for any possible hazardous conditions. For more information, visit the County website at www.coconino.az.gov.

Large trailers, RVs and motor homes should not be brought in on the initial re-entry; residents are asked to wait to pick them up re-entry activity subsides.

Emergency Fire Closure - The surrounding forest areas affected by the fire are currently under an Emergency Fire Closure, which prohibits citizens from entering the area. Citizens found within this area could be subject to arrest. This includes all trails and campgrounds in the vicinity of the San Francisco Peaks. Signs have been posted around the fire closure area, which is considered hazardous, with possible fire activity, falling trees, and heavy equipment still working in the area. Please be cautious on your own property as well, and watch for hot spots and other fire related hazards.

Fire retardant is non-toxic, but can be very slippery when wet. 85% of fire retardant is water, which evaporates. The remaining 15 percent contains various compounds, which can irritate the eyes and skin. If skin is exposed to retardant, it should be washed off immediately. Wearing gloves and eye protection is highly recommended when cleaning off retardant. It can be cleaned off by using a mild detergent solution and brushes to dilute and scrub off the residue. A follow-up with pressure-washing is beneficial. However, pressure-washing is not a substitute for the brush scrubbing; if used before brush scrubbing, pressure-washing can force the retardant deeper into materials, resulting in a permanent stain. Do not use chlorine bleach or any chlorine bleach-based products. Chlorine bleach will react with the other compounds and produce harmful gases.