



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS BRIEFING

May 5, 2020

Paul Oltrogge – FFD

*... representing partner
agencies that all have a role in
wildfire:*

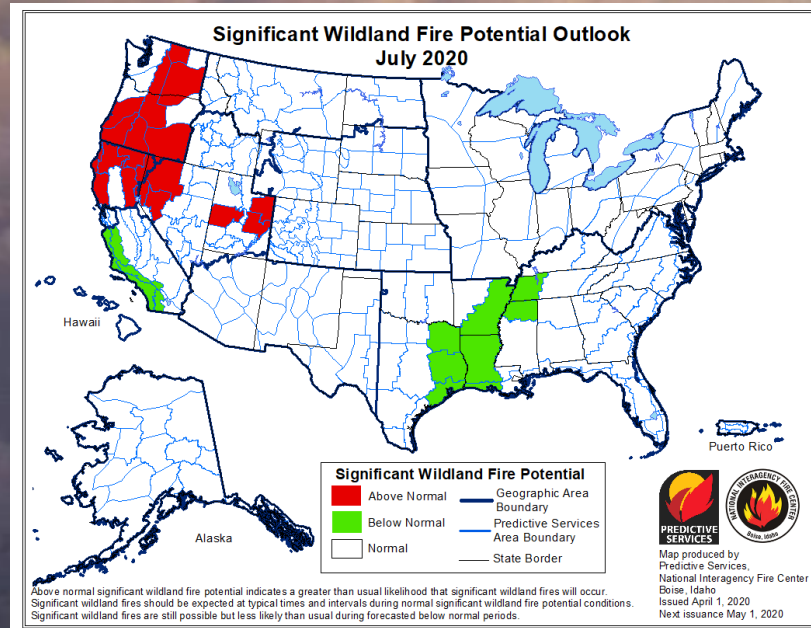
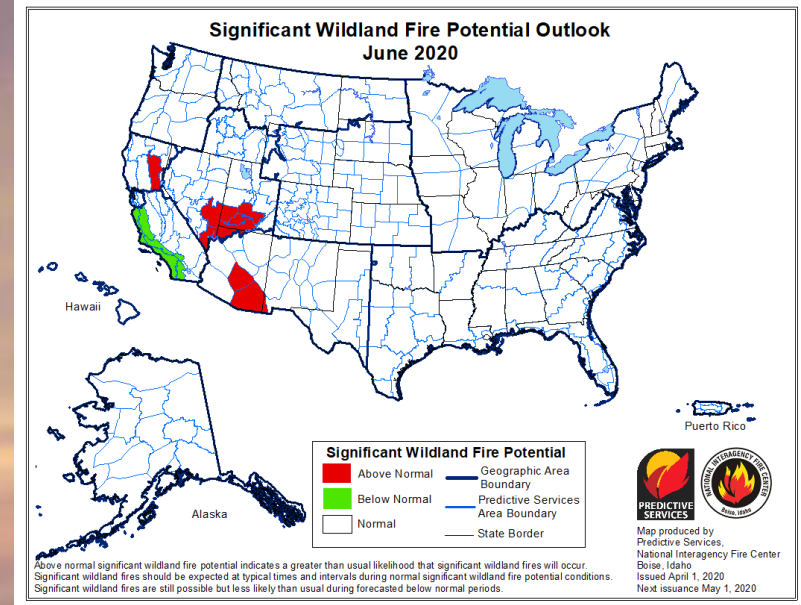
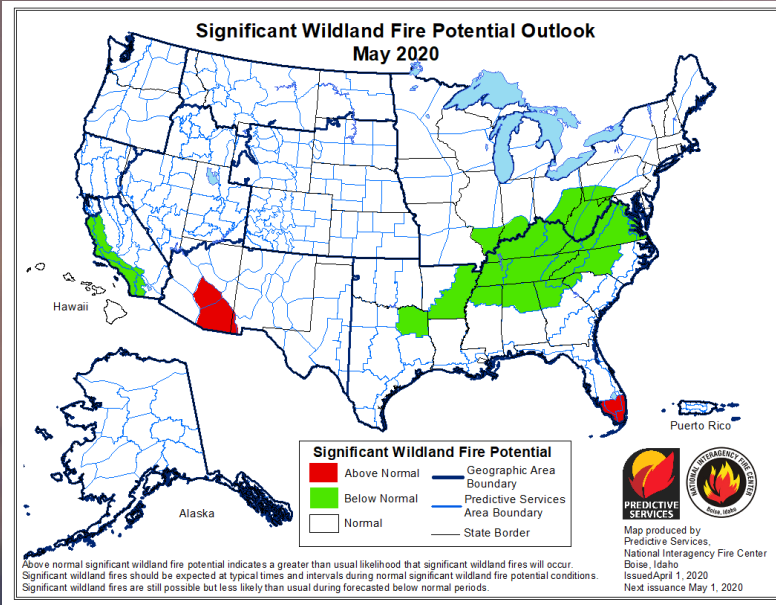
- *City Fire & Police*
- *Coconino County*
- *State of AZ DFFM*
- *US Forest Service*

Fire Year Factors

Severity & Duration highly dependent upon:

1. Drought
2. Fine Fuels Condition
3. Weather - temperature, RH, & wind
4. Monsoon
5. Ignitions
6. New for 2020 - COVID-19

National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook



Our Status & Readiness Posture

- It's always fire season,
- Only questions are *when, where, and how long,*
- We prepare every year,
- We are ready year-round,
- There are always wildcards,
- We aren't in this alone,
- Everybody plays a part.

Wildland Fire Management: The cycle of success . . .





2020 Focus Areas

• Prevention:

- Engagement with community
- Restrictions and Closure Plan
 - Stage 2 restrictions 4 weeks earlier

• Preparedness:

- Community Wildfire Preparedness Day – May 2
- Stand-down for FFD out-of-area fire assignments
- Covid-19 PPE included on all wildfire engines
- Training: AZ Wildfire Academy, annual refresher





2020 Focus Areas

- Hazard Mitigation:

- *Forest Treatments: Thinning, debris disposal, Rx fire*
- *Home & Property clean-up: Firewise*

- Response:

- *Operational personnel & Crew 1*
- *Severity Unit(s) – E106*
- *Partner agencies*
- *No DOC inmate crews available*

- Recovery: *as required*



COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS



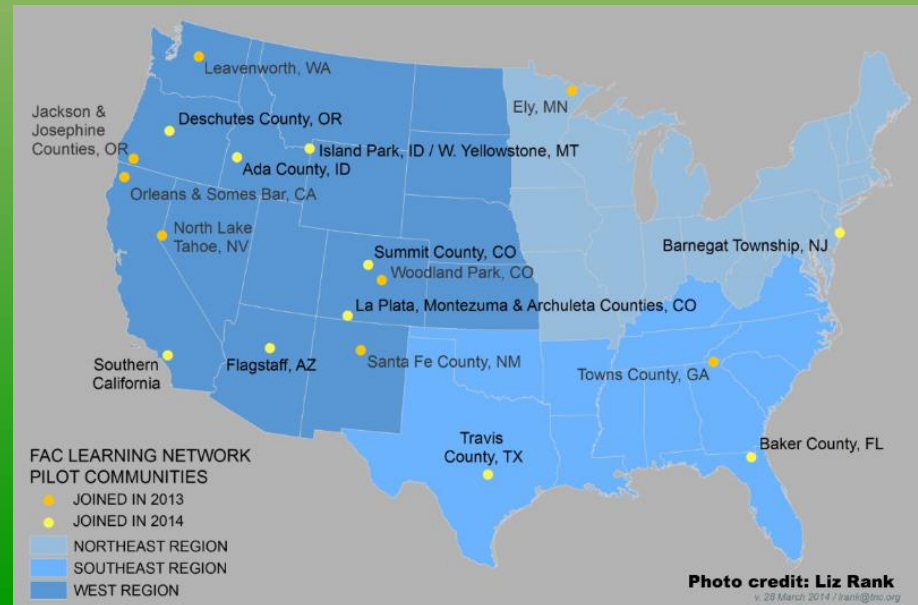
FLAGSTAFF WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT



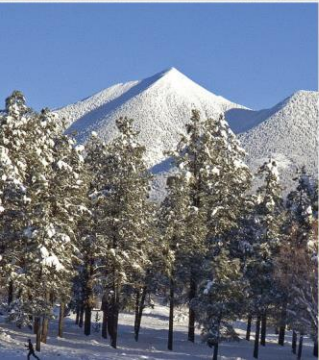
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***Fire Adapted Communities →
&
Fellow Fire Depts
(Ashland OR, Austin TX, Santa Fe NM)***



Law Enforcement Fire Prevention Patrols



- Proactive patrols typically start in May.
- Patrols begin when weather becomes more moderate.
- The Woods Watch program will be coordinated with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office again this year
- Early morning patrols in the wooded areas of Flagstaff to address illegal camping and campfires



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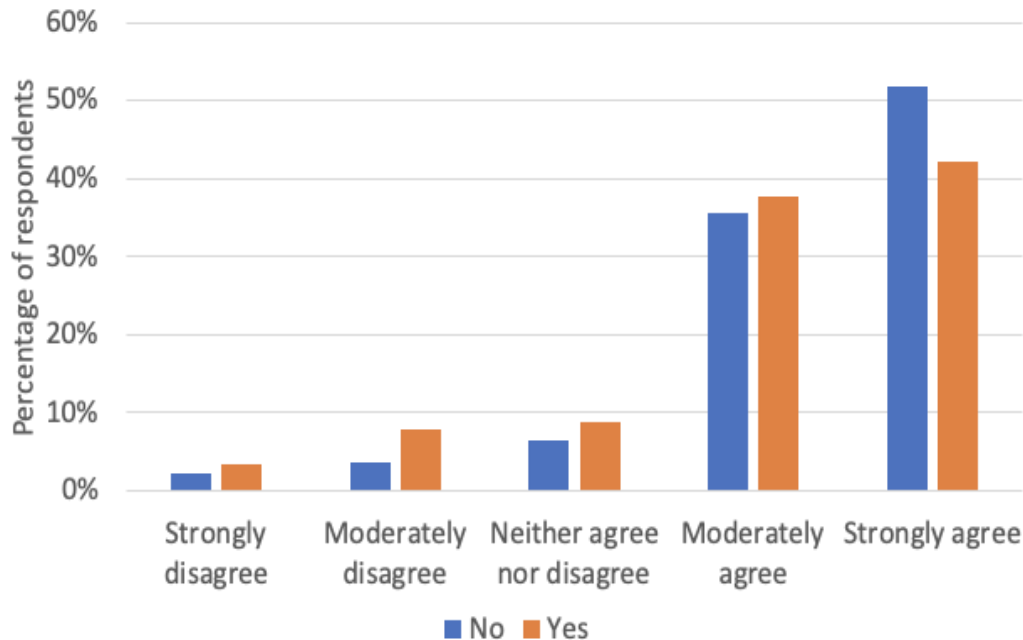
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Coconino County Emergency Management

ERI Museum Fire Survey preliminary findings

READY, SET, GO!



Emergency Notifications
Coconino.az.gov/ready



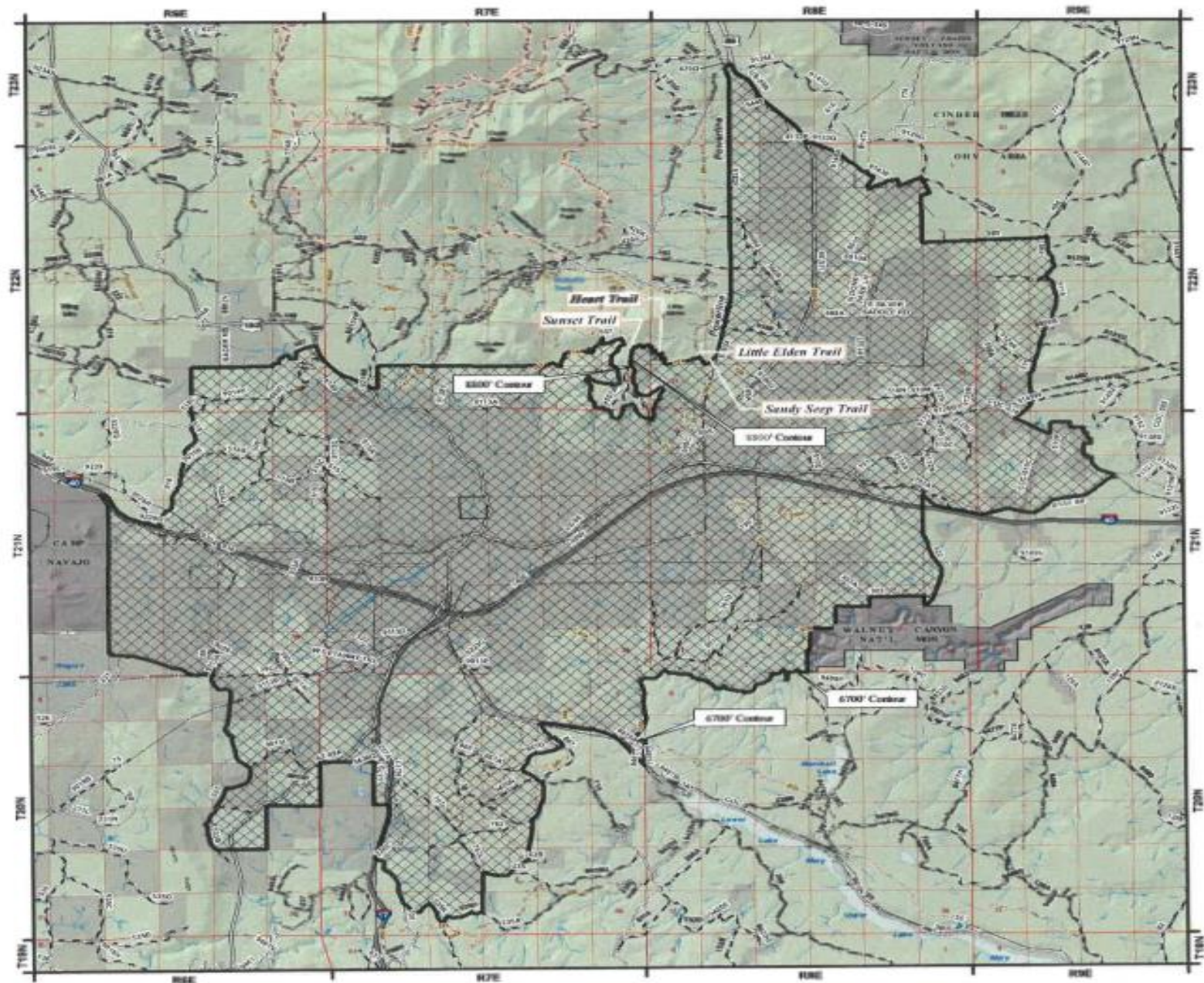


Coconino National Forest Fire and Aviation Management Program

“Above all, our focus during this fire year will be on sustaining life by protecting the people we serve.”



Camping and Campfire Restrictions - Order Number: 03-04-19-20F, Exhibit A
Coconino National Forest - Flagstaff Ranger District





Fire Prevention Strategies

- **Education**
- **Patrols**
- **Partnerships**
- **Restrictions**





Wildfire Detection

- ▶ **Lookout Towers**
- ▶ **Aerial Detection**
- ▶ **FTS Cameras**
- ▶ **Public**





Available Response Resources (USFS)

- ▶ **Engines (30)**
- ▶ **Crews (8)**
- ▶ **Water Tenders (6)**
- ▶ **Dozers (5)**
- ▶ **Leadership positions**
- ▶ **No out-of-area resources**





National Air Resources

- ▶ **25 Air tankers**
- ▶ **40 Helicopters with water drop capabilities**



COVID-19 Impacts

- ▶ **No resource benefit or prescribed fires to limit smoke exposure to firefighters and communities**
- ▶ **No out-of-area pre-positioned resources**

Questions ?

