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Memorandum

To: Paul Whitefield, Chairperson, Lake Mary-Walnut Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee

From: Superintendent, Flagstaff Area National Monuments

Subject: Approval of Funding from the Walnut Creek Watershed Restricted Fund, National Park Foundation

I am replying to your e-mail of December 9, 2019, from the Lake Mary-Walnut Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee (LM-WC TAC), requesting my approval to release funds from the Walnut Creek Watershed Restricted Fund (Watershed Fund). The fund was established in trust with the National Park Foundation in 2005, and withdrawal of funds is guided by the LM-WC TAC operating charter and agreements between the City of Flagstaff, Coconino National Forest, and Flagstaff Area National Monuments (USFS Coconino National Forest Agreement #13-MU-11030420-009, NPS Flagstaff Area National Monuments Agreement #FLAG13MU01). Accordingly, release of funding from the Watershed Fund is subject to the mutual agreement by all parties to the agreements. The LM-WC TAC met to discuss the subject funding request on October 9, 2019, and the members unanimously carried a motion to request \$19,000 from the Watershed Fund in subsequent correspondence during December 2019.

In accordance with the charter and inter-governmental agreements, I approve release from the Watershed Fund for the amount and purpose, as follows:

Amount of \$19,000, for partial support of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) continued operation of the Newman Canyon Gage at the outfall into Upper Lake Mary. Hydrology data from this location is important for understanding watershed response to ongoing forest restoration, wildland fires, and other land uses on streamflow and water quality in the Lake Mary-Walnut Creek Watershed. The funds would be included under a Joint Funding Agreement between the City of Flagstaff and the USGS to operate the Newman Canyon Gage from 2020 through 2024. The City is considering contributing \$80,000 to this agreement, pending City Council deliberation and approval. The USGS would also contribute approximately \$66,000 towards the five-year agreement. The total proposed agreement amount is \$165,000.

cc: Brad Hill, Erin Young, Ed Schenk, Water Services Division, City of Flagstaff
Kit MacDonald, Coconino National Forest