



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

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The Honorable Congressman Tom O'Halleran  
324 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman O'Halleran:

The Flagstaff City Council expresses our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your help thus far with the City of Flagstaff's Museum Fire flood mitigation projects. As we move into another monsoon season, we are respectfully requesting your assistance in obtaining more funding to continue our efforts to mitigate flooding damage in our town.

On July 21, 2019, the Museum Fire broke out in the Dry Lake Hills area just above Flagstaff within the Coconino National Forest. The fire ultimately charred 1,961 acres, including a significant portion of the Spruce Wash Watershed. Flood modeling subsequently showed potential flood risk to neighborhoods in Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff. Both the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County Flood Control District immediately took extensive measures and precautions to mitigate damage from flood events.

Throughout the summer of 2021, unprecedented rain events impacted the Museum burn scar and caused multiple rounds of flash flooding in Flagstaff neighborhoods. The City of Flagstaff continues to collaborate with both public and private partners in planning and implementing a series of projects to lessen the impact of flooding in Flagstaff neighborhoods.

The design and construction of flood mitigation projects is extremely expensive and exceeds the capacity of Flagstaff's stormwater ratepayers. If granted, our congressionally directed spending request would provide funding to help mitigate flooding that currently impacts approximately 1,500 residents, 220 businesses, 21 churches and seven schools.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and all that you do for the City of Flagstaff and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Paul Deasy  
Mayor, City of Flagstaff, on behalf of the Flagstaff City Council