



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 30, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Bighorn Fire Outreach to Affected Property Owners**

This memorandum is to inform you of the outreach materials that the Regional Flood Control District (District) will be sending to property owners that are at an increased risk of flooding due to being located downstream from the Bighorn Fire burn scar. Although a year has passed since the fire, the risk of flooding and debris flows remains high, primarily due to the lack of significant rainfall over the past year, which has limited vegetation regrowth and left soil conditions unchanged since the fire.

Last July, the District sent letters to nearly 1,000 property owners with information regarding flood insurance, flood warning, and other mitigation recommendations. This year, the outreach is a postcard (attached) that reminds the owners of the continued risk and provides links to websites with flood mitigation information.

The District anticipates sending approximately 900 postcards, with the outreach primarily to constituents who reside in Board of Supervisors District 1, including approximately 100 residents of Oro Valley. Only a small number of constituents reside in District 3, near the southern end of Pima Wash, and in District 4, near the southern end of Sabino Canyon.

The most notable change from last year's notifications is a reduction of outreach to approximately 100 property owners who were affected by breakout flows from Pima Wash to the west and south of Ina Road. In early July, the District anticipates construction of a channel improvement project on Pima Wash on the north side of Ina Road to mitigate the breakout flows.

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Attachments

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Suzanne Shield, Director, Regional Flood Control District



Floods Follow Fires

The 2020 Bighorn Fire caused major damage to many of the watersheds coming off of the Santa Catalina Mountains. A lack of significant rain this past year means that most of the post-fire debris is still present and little plant regrowth has occurred. With the possibility of a wetter than normal monsoon, the threat of catastrophic flooding from the burn scar area remains a serious concern.

The increased risk you were warned about last year still exists.

Please visit the following web pages for more information and to sign up for **MyAlerts** to receive timely warnings when flash flooding is possible or imminent.



www.pima.gov/bighornfirefloodrisk



www.pima.gov/floodsfollowfires



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