Temporary road work to begin near Schultz Creek trailhead; residents may hear machinery

Flagstaff, AZ – July 7, 2016 – For Immediate Release: As part of ongoing efforts of the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP), contractors will begin improving and building temporary logging roads within the project area starting as early as this week. Nearby residents and forest visitors might see and hear machinery during operations. Temporary roads are needed to remove cut trees as part of this fuels reduction project that will reduce fire and flooding risk. The project is supported by a $10 million city bond approved by voters in 2012. After completion of the project, temporary roads will be closed and revegetated or returned to their previous condition if they are part of existing system trails.

Temporary road construction will occur in the Schultz Creek and Elden Base area and will continue for a few weeks, finishing near the southern end of the Pipeline Road. Though roads within the project area will be graded, they remain closed to public use. Please refer to the Coconino National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map for information on roads open to the public.

Visitors and residents should use caution while in the area. Be aware of working crews, flagman, overhead dangers and heavy equipment.

For additional information, contact the Flagstaff Ranger District at 928-526-0866 or the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project website at http://www.flagstaffwatershedprotection.org/

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