

## **Frequently Asked Questions from August 4<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting On Revegetation and Reforestation**

### **Is there County money for tree removal?**

No. The County does not have funding for tree removal or reforestation. The County is working with FEMA and the State Land Department for funding and assistance with burned trees.

### **What is the County doing about the burned trees?**

FEMA and the State Lands Department are assisting with this effort.

FEMA is currently providing technical assistance and some funding for removing hazardous trees.

FEMA working with the State Land Department is providing Pima County with a forester to provide technical assistance to assess tree damage, identify hazardous trees that should be removed and advise on tree removal and disposal. The forester will also be able to provide other technical information related salvaging of damaged forest timber trees, bark beetles, and reforestation.

FEMA will only provide funding to assist in the removal and disposal of burned trees that pose a hazard and trees that must be removed to provide repairs post-fire damage. FEMA will not fund removal and disposal of trees for reforestation or aesthetic reasons.

Once the forester has made recommendations for removal and disposal of burned trees, and FEMA has reviewed and approved those recommendations, Pima County will remove the designated trees in public right-of-way. Property owners may remove hazardous trees on their own property. Pima County will make available information on approved methods for removal and disposal.

### **Is there money left from the Rodeo – Chedeski fire that could help us w/ the Aspen Fire recovery?**

The NRCS funding for erosion control in Summerhaven was left over funding from the Rodeo – Chedeski fire. However, government funding is typically use and location specific and can't generally be transferred. The County will be looking at existing and new funding sources from the federal government and state agencies.

### **When will the aerial seeding begin?**

Now Complete: Aerial seeding and mulching was accomplished on August 16,17 & 18, 2003.

### **How can I get others above me to mitigate erosion if they haven't?**

The County will be contacting property owners that have not signed up for the NRCS erosion control program. If there is a hazardous situation the County can take legal actions to require erosion control.

### **Can we get extra sandbags if we need them, 20 isn't enough for our needs?**

The County will make more sandbags available to individual homeowners upon request.

**Will evaluation teams still come and evaluate what's needed on my property?**

Yes, the NRCS evaluation teams are still evaluating properties. Call Joni Monroe at 740-6509 for more information or to discuss evaluation scheduling.

**What is the source of water for planting trees? Will we be allowed to use gray-water for this purpose?**

Water availability for irrigation is limited in Summerhaven. Water is available through the Mount Lemmon Water Cooperative and storm water harvesting. There are potential health issues with the use of gray-water for irrigation. Gray-water reuse systems require approval of a separate gray-water system through building codes and approval from Pima County Environmental Quality. For more information contact 740-3340.

**Will TRICO clean up their slash?**

TRICO can receive funding from FEMA for removal and disposal of slash and downed trees.

TRICO is responsible for cleaning up slash and downed trees in County right-of-way and private property. Contact TRICO at 744-2944 concerning clean up of their slash.

**Is there a possibility that some streets can now be cut through, i.e., Yuma, Hayden, etc?**

This issue is being explored further.

**What is happening with the Phoenix Rd. project, Section 5? People can't do erosion control b/c of the current work being done.**

Vehicular access will be available through the construction zone late in the third week of September. Pima County anticipates full access to all properties by the end of September, barring significant weather problems. Access will be open first to the lower lots at the south end of the project. Schedule information will be posted on the County's Aspen Fire Recovery website <http://www.aspenfirerecovery.org/>

**What is the plan to keep out non-native species of trees? When they reforested along the highway construction project did they use native species and where did they come from?**

The Forest Service and the Federal Highway Administration uses native species along highway construction projects. The Forest Service discourages the introduction of non-native species of trees, grasses, and shrubs on private land and will remove these species from federal land.