

AFTER THE FIRE

PUBLIC MEETING

Hear from your local natural resources managers and community leaders about:

- Unfolding of Telegraph and Mescal Fires
- Impacts to the watershed and local resources
- Recovery efforts and assistance

Free Event
All are Welcome

Thanks to our
community partners

October 29, 1:00PM - 5:00PM

October 30, 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum

150 N Plaza Circle
Miami, AZ 85539



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Understanding the Impacts and Recovery from the Telegraph and Mescal Fires

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DAY 1: OCTOBER 29

1:00	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Tom Foster, Executive Director, Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum Chris Jones, Extension Agent, University of Arizona Gila County Cooperative Extension</p>
1:10	<p>UNFOLDING THE EVENTS</p> <p>Adam Bromley, Globe District Ranger, US Forest Service Tonto National Forest <i>District Ranger Bromley will provide a brief overview of the Telegraph Fire progression. Tackling common questions and misconceptions, this is an opportunity for the audience to raise their own questions.</i> Q&A 30 minutes</p>
2:00	<p>BREAK</p>
2:05	<p>SETTING THE STAGE FOR FIRE</p> <p>Mary Lata, Fire Ecologist, US Forest Service Tonto National Forest <i>Dr. Lata will break down regional fire history and ignition to explain how fuels and ecologic communities have been changing over time leading up to the Telegraph Fire. She will also unpack how levels of fire severity influence different recovery patterns and what we might expect to see in the landscape in 5, 10, and 20 years.</i> Q&A 10 minutes</p>
3:00	<p>BREAK</p>
3:05	<p>UNPACKING THE IMPACTS TO THE WATERSHED</p> <p>Kelly Mott Lacroix, Forest Hydrologist, US Forest Service Tonto National Forest <i>Dr. Lacroix will provide context for the Burned Area Emergency Response Assessment (BAER) and discuss how soil burn severity affects the local watersheds. Along with impacted hydrologic processes, she will focus on the culminating factors that contributed to post-fire flooding.</i> Q&A 10 minutes</p>
4:00	<p>BREAK</p>

4:05	PANEL: UNDERSTANDING THE AFTERMATH - SHORT AND LONG VIEW
	<p><i>Concluding the first day, we will apply our knowledge of the impacts of the fire on the vegetation and watershed to discuss implications for the future. This panel will bridge the scientific understanding of the physical and environmental conditions with the socio-economic factors related to recovery.</i></p> <p>Mila Besich, Mayor, Town of Superior Carl Melford, Emergency Manager, Gila County Adam Bromley, Globe District Ranger, US Forest Service Tonto National Forest Mary Lata, Fire Ecologist, US Forest Service Tonto National Forest Kelly Mott Lacroix, Forest Hydrologist Moderated by: Freddy Rios, Division Manager, Arizona Water Company</p>
5:00	ADJOURN: SEE YOU TOMORROW

DAY 2: OCTOBER 30

9:00	WELCOME & RECAP OF DAY 1
	<p>Adam Bromley and Chris Jones Tari Infante, Resident, El Capitan</p>
9:15	WHY IS GRASS ON THE AGENDA
	<p><i>Invasive species and grasses have become part of the ecology. What does this mean for recovery and how do we adapt?</i></p> <p>Ashley Hall, Area Assistant Agent, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension</p>
9:45	WHAT IS A FIRE ADAPTED FUTURE
	<p><i>Southeastern states set an example of “living with fire” because they have a history and culture of fire. Arizona has a similar fire interval regime to this region and fire adapted ecosystem, although our climate is different. In this session, we will talk about the incremental changes that are needed to edge toward a culture of fire locally.</i></p> <p>Johnny Stowe, Wildlife Biologist, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Mark Brehl, Arizona Program Forestry Supervisor, National Forest Foundation</p>
10:30	BREAK
10:45	LEADERS PANEL: HOW ARE WE WORKING TOGETHER
	<p><i>Wildfires are not going away but adapting to fire is possible. The word “resilience” is often used in discussions of climate and ecology, but what does this word mean to our local leaders for their communities? In practical terms, this session will focus on the proactive measures that leaders are taking to recover from the most recent fires and plan for long-term resilience.</i></p> <p>Sammy Gonzales, Mayor, Town of Miami Al Gameros, Mayor, City of Globe Todd Pryor, Town Manager, Town of Superior Woody Cline, Supervisor, Gila County</p>
11:45	COMMUNITY SHOWCASE LIGHTNING ROUND
	<p><i>Local community members are invited to give five minutes lightning talk about recovery efforts and how citizens can be involved.</i></p> <p>Freddy Rios, Arizona Water Company Victoria Hermosilla, Cobre Valley Watershed Partnership Robin Bradford and Kurt Knauss, Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Keith Brekhus, District Director, Office of Congressman Tom O’Halloran Ana Vargas, Resolution Copper</p>
12:45	CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURN