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COCHISE COUNTY PREPARES FOR MONSOON FLOODING BY OFFERING FREE SANDBAGS

In preparation for the upcoming monsoon season, the Cochise County Highway and Floodplain Department announces the availability of sand and sandbags at several key locations convenient for residents in flood prone areas.

Please note that we do not have the manpower to fill and load sandbags: we are providing sandbags and sand to anyone in need. Residents will need to bring their own shovel.

To prevent the sandbags from rotting, they will be placed inside a metal drum next to the sand, at the following locations:

Monday through Thursday from the hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm:

Bisbee Roadyard, 1229 Hereford Rd.

Douglas Roadyard, 3665 N. Leslie Canyon Rd.

Willcox Roadyard, 500 W. Railroad Avenue

Benson Roadyard, 901 E. 4th Street

Elfrida Roadyard, 3988 W. Thompson Road

Cochise County Hereford Pit Material Yard: approximately .5 miles East of Y Lighting Road – This location has limited hours during the work week of Monday through Thursday. It is best to make arrangements by calling 520-432-9300.

Sandbags are available at any time from the following locations:

Coronado Lakes Estates (Douglas) — off Cipriano Dr. at the Water Tanks

Willow Lakes Subdivision (Benson) — at the Water Tank

Elfrida Fire Department, 10293 N. Central Highway

Whetstone Fire District, 2422 N. Firehouse Ln., Whetstone

Palominas Fire (Hereford Station), 10202 E. Highway 92

Palominas Fire (Miracle Valley Station) 9695 E. Highway 92

Palominas Fire (Palominas Station) 9903 S. Palominas Road

Portal Area – Intersection of Foothills & Portal Road

Bowie Area – 766 W. Business Loop off I-10



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MONSOON FLOODING

We are also cautioning citizens to be aware of flooding dangers and to follow cautionary advice from government agencies, weather services and other public information sources. Visit our Highway & Floodplain Dept. Main Page at:

<https://www.cochise.az.gov/highway-and-floodplain>

Motorists and pedestrians are advised never to cross flooded washes or go around barricades. When in doubt, turn around – don't drown. When approaching any work zone or barricade, please proceed with caution, abide by all posted speed limit signs and traffic control, and be alert for any dangerous or unusual conditions.

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for emergency alert notifications. There is a direct link on the County website home page under Emergency Alert Notification Registration. This service is also provided free of charge and alerts can be sent to a cell phone, email address, or landline telephone. To sign up for alerts or change your notifications, go to <http://public.alertsense.com/signup/?regionid=1341>

If you have questions concerning this announcement, please contact the Highway & Floodplain Office at 520-432-9300.

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Cochise County, established in 1881, is located in the Southeastern part of Arizona at the International border of Mexico and spans more than 4 million acres. It is home to 130,000 residents and nearly 300,000 visitors each year. It includes the historic cities of Bisbee, Benson, Douglas, Tombstone and Willcox. The City of Sierra Vista is home to historic Fort Huachuca, an active Army military installation. The County has jurisdiction over tax assessments, health and social services, solid waste, elections, and floodplain issues throughout the County. It also has responsibility for courts, highway improvements, law enforcement, schools, libraries, and planning and zoning in the unincorporated areas. Visit www.cochise.az.gov for more information. Public Programs...Personal Service

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