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June 29, 2011 CORRECTION PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Sandbags DO YOU NEED TO PROTECT PROPERTY? Sandbags

This notice is to inform residents of Cochise County of the availability of sandbags at several key locations convenient to people in flood prone areas.

Because of the recent Monument and Horseshoe II Fires and other wildfires that have stripped much of the natural ground cover from affected areas, there are increased risks of flash flooding and erosion damage from heavy monsoon rains. Property owners who feel they need extra protection in emergency situations may come to the following locations and fill sandbags and load them onto vehicles to transport to residential sites.

We do not have manpower to fill and load sandbags, but we are providing sandbags and sand to anyone in need. Shovels will also be available on site.

Sandbags and sand are available at:

Palominas Fire Station #5, 9695 E. Highway 92 in Hereford, starting Thursday morning, June 30th.

And at the intersection of Foothills Rd. and Portal Rd. in the Portal area starting on Friday morning, July 1st.

Materials will be replenished as required for anyone in need.

As we approach Monsoon Season in southern Arizona we are 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 <u>http://cochise.az.gov/cochise_highways_floodplain.aspx?id=266</u> for more information and Public Safety announcements.

Do not cross flooded washes or go around barricades.

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.

If you have questions concerning this announcement, please contact the Administration Office at 520-432-9300 for information.