

# BACKGROUND

Coconino County Parks & Recreation is conducting forest treatments in Fort Tuthill County Park to increase forest health and encourage ecological restoration. The Fort Tuthill Thinning Project is a collaborative effort between Coconino County, the City of Flagstaff, and the State of Arizona to:

- reduce the park's fuel load
- increase public safety
- improve forest health

# PARTNERS

- Coconino County
- City of Flagstaff
- AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- AZ Game & Fish Department
- Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership
- Northern Arizona University, Ecological Restoration Institute

# FORT TUTHILL THINNING PROJECT

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## TIMELINE

March 2017: Request for Quotes issued

May 2017: Coconino County Board of Supervisors approve contract

Summer 2017: Thinning project begins

December 2017: Thinning project completed

Fort Tuthill County Park and Soldiers Trail will remain open during the project.

Portions of Soldier Trail will experience rolling closures to accommodate thinning crews and equipment, and portions will be closed intermittently for public safety.

## FOREST HEALTH

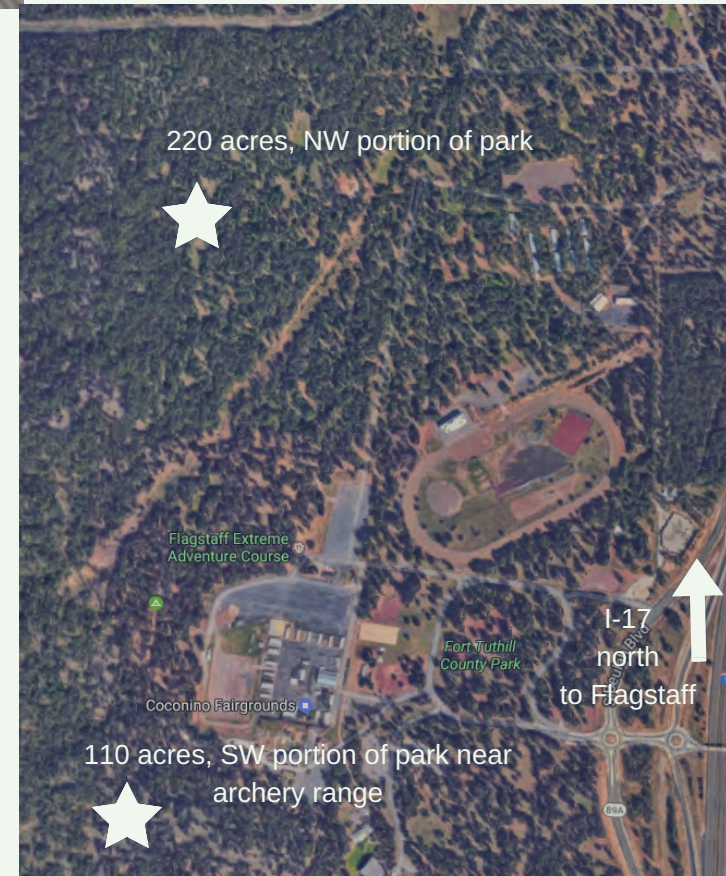
*Northern Arizona is home to the largest contiguous Ponderosa Pine forest in the world. Decades of fire suppression have resulted in heavy fuel loads in the forests. Forest treatments that include thinning will decrease fuel loads, leading to more open forests and opportunities to improve forest health.*

### TREATMENT & PROJECT AREA

Forest treatment will be on 330 acres and will include hand and mechanical thinning. Timber crews will cut, grind, and haul material off-site. Treatment areas include the recently acquired AZ State Trust Land located in the northwestern part of the park, and near the archery range in the southwestern portion of the park.

### RESOURCES

AZ State Land Department was in the process of developing a forest treatment, and with the recent land acquisition, Coconino County will now conduct fuel reduction on the area situated as a wildland urban interface. Coconino County has two grants available for this project that expire in September and December 2017.



220 acres, NW portion of park



110 acres, SW portion of park near archery range

