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Lowell Observatory Fuels Reduction Project Delayed Due to Excessive Rainfall

GREATER FLAGSTAFF FORESTS PARTNERSHIP

Flagstaff, Ariz. - In order to protect the Lowell Observatory property from undue disturbance or damage due to the recent heavy rainfall Flagstaff has received, beginning this week, the Lowell Observatory Fuels Reduction Project will temporarily suspend operations. Fuels reduction treatments will resume once the area has had a chance to dry out, estimated for spring/summer of 2027.

Due to wet and muddy road conditions, the biomass and log decks will remain on the property. **FOR YOUR SAFETY, stay clear of the log decks. Do not climb on or approach them as falling or rolling material can cause serious injury or death.** A map of the two log deck locations can be found here.

Recreational activities including hiking, dog walking, cycling, and skiing may resume across the property, and trail closures associated with fuels reduction activities have been lifted until operations resume. Always stay clear of the log decks. When operations begin again next year, the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership (GFFP) will inform the public, and area and trail closure maps will be posted on GFFP's website. For project information see: https://gffp.org/lowell-observatory-thinning-project/

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