

THIN THE THREAT

BACKGROUND

Coconino County Parks & Recreation is conducting a forest thinning project in Fort Tuthill County Park **to increase forest health and resiliency and to reduce wildfire risk.** Treatments will utilize both hand thinning and mechanical tree removal. The Fort Tuthill Thinning Project is a collaborative effort between Coconino County, AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management, and the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership to:

- reduce wildfire risk
- increase public safety
- improve forest health

AGENCIES INVOLVED

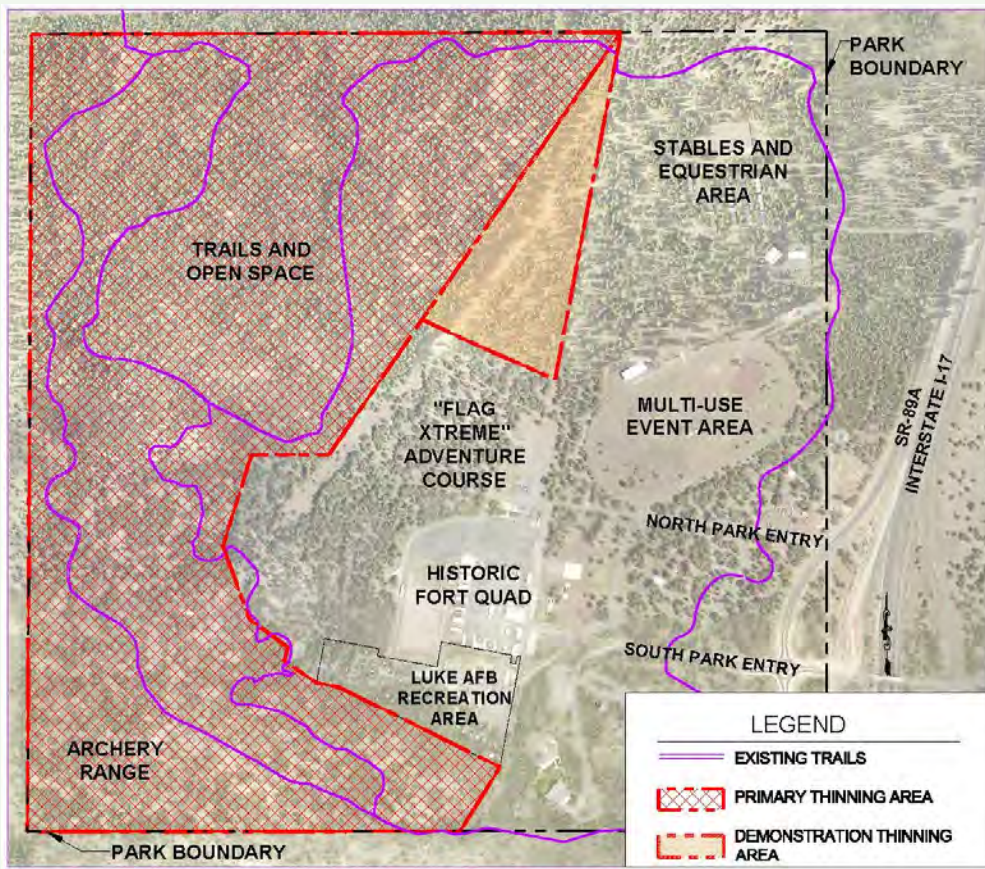
- Coconino County
- AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management
- Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership
- U.S. Forest Service
- The Nature Conservancy
- AZ Game & Fish Department
- Northern Arizona University, Ecological Restoration Institute
- City of Flagstaff

Northern Arizona is home to the largest contiguous Ponderosa Pine forest in the world. Decades of fire suppression have resulted in dense forests with a high risk of destructive wildfires. Forest treatments at Fort Tuthill County Park will reduce wildfire risk, leading to more open forests and improving forest health and resiliency.

To learn more about the project, contact:
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FORT TUTHILL THINNING PROJECT



TIMELINE

- March 2017:** Request for Quotes issued.
- June 2017:** Coconino County Board of Supervisors approve contract.
- June 9, 2017 :** Open House, East Flagstaff Library, 1-3 p.m.
- June 13, 2017:** Open House, Fort Tuthill Commercial Building, 4-6 p.m.
- Summer 2017:** Thinning project begins.
- December 2017:** Thinning project completed.

TREATMENT & PROJECT AREA

Forest treatments are planned to occur on 325 acres of the park, and include both hand thinning (70 acres) and mechanical thinning operations. Crews will cut trees and remove logs that can be utilized offsite. Residual slash and debris from hand thinning operations will be piled for disposal through burning. Slash produced from mechanical operations will be chipped and hauled offsite for potential utilization. Treatment areas include the recently acquired AZ State Trust Land located

in the northwest part of the park, and near the archery range in the southwest part of the park.

Fort Tuthill County Park and Soldiers Trail will remain open during the project although intermittent trail and area closures will occur to ensure public safety.

RESOURCES

Coconino County has two grants available for this project that expire in September and December 2017.



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