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Forest & Wildfire Management Ad Hoc Committee to Hold Final Hearing at State Capitol

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative David Cook, chairman of the House Forest and Wildfire Management Ad Hoc Committee, announced that the committee will hold its final hearing on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. in HHR 3 at the Arizona House of Representatives.

Committee members will hear the following presentations:

- Dr. Melanie Colavito and Dr. Andrew Sanchez Meador (both from Northern Arizona University) will discuss the results of a study they conducted of the long-term costs of the Schultz Fire, which burned northeast of Flagstaff in 2010, and post-fire flooding.
- Jeff Eisenberg (University of Arizona Cooperative Extension) will discuss a similar long-term study that the University of Arizona will conduct of the Telegraph Fire.
- Michael Martinez and Chandler Mundy (U.S. Forest Service) will provide an update on the state of repairs to ranching infrastructure damaged by the Telegraph Fire.

Committee members will also discuss recommendations and a draft of the committee report, which covers this committee's activities from its [first meeting](#) in September 2021 and includes its meetings in [Globe](#) and [Flagstaff](#) where it heard directly from survivors of recent wildfires and post-fire flooding.

Monday's hearing is open to the public and news media. A livestream will be available here: <https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2022111003>

The [Forest and Wildfire Management Ad Hoc Committee](#) is designed to research and make recommendations for potential changes to state and federal laws and regulations related to the management of wildfires in the state of Arizona. Consideration will be given to protocols and accountability for reducing devastation from fire management and post fire hazards, including appropriate services available to rehabilitate from both the state and federal levels of government.

David Cook is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 7, which includes areas of Gila, Pinal, Coconino, and Navajo Counties. Follow him on Twitter at @RepDavidCook.

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