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House Ad Hoc Committee on Forest and Wildfire Management Final Report Released

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative David Cook, Chairman of the House Ad Hoc Committee on Forest and Wildfire Management, today released a final report on the committee's activities.

"I want to thank all the members that served on this committee – the final report shows their hard work and commitment to addressing this issue," said Chairman Cook. **"As a result of the five hearings we held round the state, we are better informed of the critical issues that can be addressed before Arizona families and communities are impacted by new catastrophic wildfires and post-fire flooding. In Arizona, we unfortunately know all too well that it's a matter of 'when,' not 'if'."**

A link to download the final report detailing the committee's work can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3X53lPu>.

The Forest and Wildfire Management Ad Hoc Committee was established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on September 20, 2021, with the purpose to research and make recommendations for potential changes to state and federal laws and regulations related to managing wildfires in Arizona. The Committee considered protocols and accountability for reducing devastation to the public, communities, and businesses (many of which are ranching operations) from fire management and post fire hazards, including appropriate services available to rehabilitate from both the state and federal levels of government.

Members of the five-member bipartisan committee included: Representative David Cook (Chair), Representative Gail Griffin, Representative Tim Dunn, Representative Andres Cano, and Representative Stephanie Stahl Hamilton.

David Cook is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 7, which includes Pinal, Gila, Coconino, and Navajo Counties. He also serves as Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. Follow him on Twitter at @RepDavidCook.

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