









CORPS, PARTNERS INVITE COMMUNITY TO PUBLIC MEETING IN MT. CHARLESTON

MT. CHARLESTON, Nev. – Residents of the Mt. Charleston community and surrounding communities are invited to a public meeting with members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District, USDA Forest Service and officials from the State of Nevada and other local agencies at the Mount Charleston Volunteer Fire Department Engine Station #81 at 25 Chalet Place on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m.

In July 2013, a fire burned nearly 27,000 acres in the Springs Mountain National Recreation Area. Within weeks, monsoon rains washed debris from the fire down into the Rainbow Canyon neighborhood of Mt. Charleston. On Feb 27, the State of Nevada, under Public Law 84-99, requested federal assistance and USACE support. Upon receiving approval from Corps headquarters, the Los Angeles District sent a team to inspect the site in March and designed a temporary berm and diversion channel structure for the neighborhood.

In August, the State of Nevada signed a cooperative agreement with the Corps of Engineers taking on long-term liability associated with the temporary structure. With the cooperation agreement signed with the State of Nevada, the District is prepared to complete the structure. Over the Labor Day weekend, the Los Angeles District sent in a team to survey the area in preparation for construction. The District will be working with local, state and federal partners to complete the project as soon as possible.

Col. John K. Lim, the acting LA District commander, and members of the District staff – along with federal, state and local agency representatives - will speak with residents and interested members of the community about the upcoming Advance Measures project the Corps of Engineers will be constructing.

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