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NEWS ADVISORY

Event Date: 22 February 2008
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MAYOR JACK WILSON TO TOUR WATSON LAKE STORMWATER PROJECT

WHAT: City of Prescott Mayor Jack Wilson, representatives of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and Prescott Creeks staff will review reconstruction underway at the stormwater basin near the intersection of Prescott Lakes Parkway and Sundog Road. This project will protect water quality in Granite Creek & Watson Lake, and bring in more than \$200,000 in construction and monitoring work to the community.

WHO: Prescott Mayor Jack Wilson
ADEQ Representatives
Michael Byrd, Prescott Creeks Executive Director

WHEN: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. 22 February 2008

WHERE: Watson Woods Riparian Preserve & Prescott Peavine Trailhead parking area, Sundog Road across from Yavapai Humane Society. Directions at:
<http://prescottcreeks.org/programs/watson%20woods.htm>

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INFO: In an effort to reduce the sediment problems and contaminants associated with stormwater runoff, Prescott Creeks redesigned and is rebuilding the failed basin and outflow channels adjacent to the intersection of Prescott Lakes Parkway and Sundog Ranch Rd. As originally constructed, the basin was not adequate to handle the increased storm flows from the newly constructed Prescott Lakes Parkway and has been subject to severe erosion. Currently, any significant rain or snowmelt dumps significant amounts of road contaminants, trash, sediment, and other pollutants directly off the Parkway and into Granite Creek.

The finished product (reconstructed and vegetated basin, repaired outflow channels, and interpretive signage) will capture, slow, and control stormwater flow through Watson Woods Riparian Preserve and into Granite Creek and Watson Lake. Since the runoff from this area flows directly into Granite Creek, slowing and filtering contaminants before they reach the creek is essential to eventual removal of Watson Lake and the creek from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "impaired waters" classification.

The project represents a unique partnership among Prescott Creeks (a non-profit organization), the City of Prescott, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, private design & construction companies, and community volunteers. Primary funding for design, construction, revegetation and public awareness comes from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality – Water Quality Improvement Grant Program.