



# PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

## CEDAR CREEK EMERGENCY TEMPORARY FLOOD BARRIER PROJECT

**LOCATION:** The project is located at the community of Cedar Creek on the Fort Apache Reservation along State Route 73 in Gila County, Arizona.

**PROPOSED ACTION:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to place segmented sections of HESCO barriers, totaling approximately 8,100 linear feet, at selected locations throughout the community of Cedar Creek where potential flood and debris flows from Cedar Creek could threaten lives and structures. See the attached map for anticipated barrier placement locations. The work could also include minor grading to aid in placement of the barriers and relocation of existing flood risk minimization measures (K-rails). Construction could begin as early as August 16, 2016 and is expected to be complete within a matter of weeks.

**BACKGROUND AND AUTHORITY:** The community of Cedar Creek is located downstream of the Cedar Fire which burned approximately 46,000 acres between June 17, 2016 and July 2, 2016. Storm flows from the summer monsoon season in concert with debris flows from the burned watershed upstream pose a threat to the community. Though limited flood risk minimization measures (K-rails) are currently in place, damages sustained from an August 11, 2016 storm indicated a need for additional measures.

On August 13, 2016, the White Mountain Apache Tribe requested emergency assistance from the Corps to provide temporary assistance to meet the immediate flood threat. The Corps is authorized under Public Law 84-99 (33 United States Code §701n) to undertake emergency operations and provide flood fight assistance.

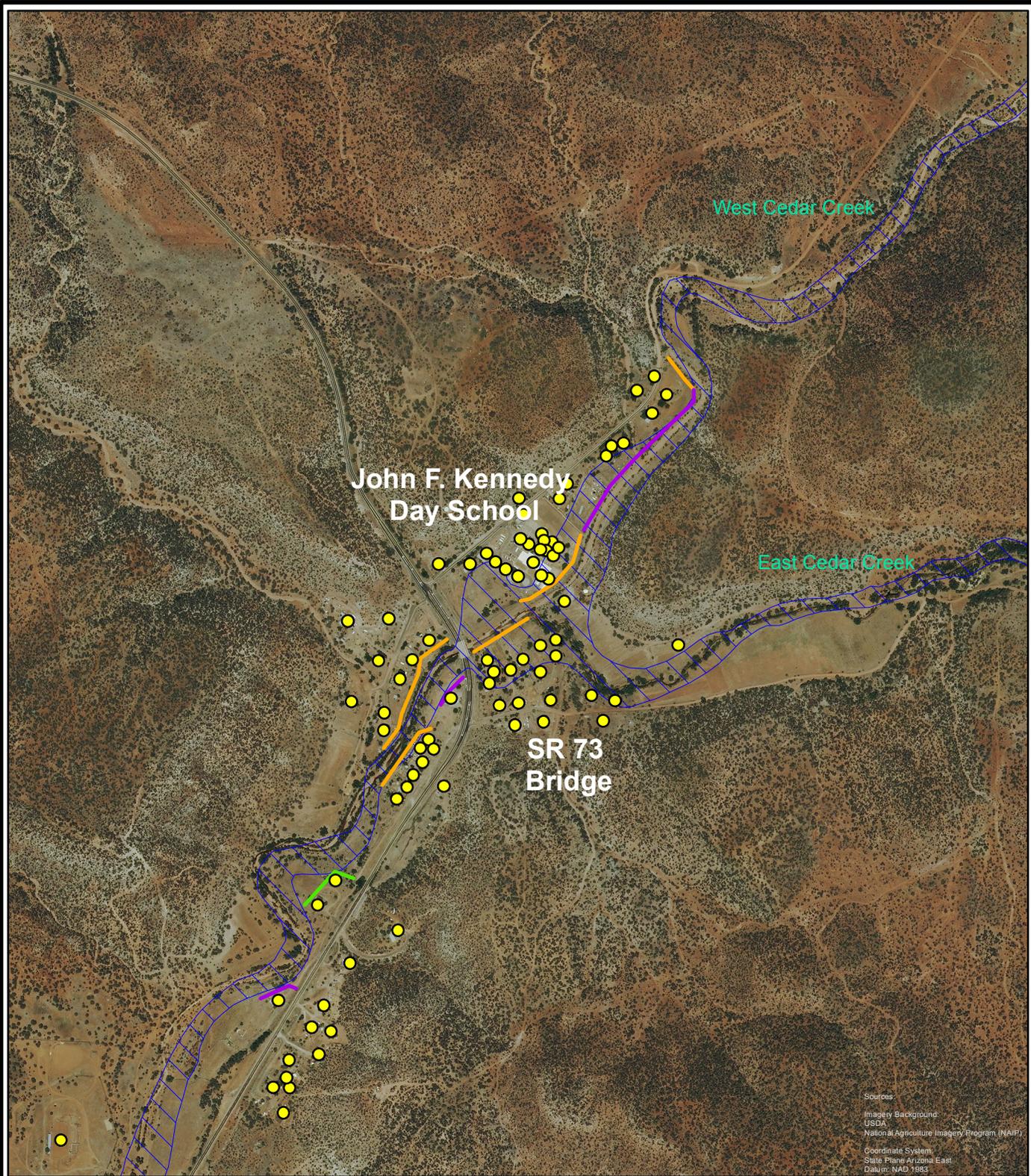
**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT COMPLIANCE:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment. The document will evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed action as well as the no action alternative and evaluate whether potential environmental impacts warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

**COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS:** The proposed action is not expected to result in placement of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. pursuant to the Clean Water Act. The proposed action is also not expected to result in air pollution emissions that would exceed any Federal *de minimis* levels as established under the Clear Air Act. Preliminary research indicates that the proposed action is expected to result in no effect to species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, or their designated critical habitat. The proposed action may have the potential to cause effects to historic properties pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, and consultation with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office would be undertaken as necessary.

**SUBMITTING COMMENTS:** The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties. Comments will be accepted from August 15, 2016 to August 17, 2016. Comments can be sent electronically to: [kenneth.wong@usace.army.mil](mailto:kenneth.wong@usace.army.mil).

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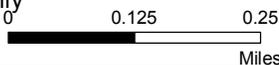
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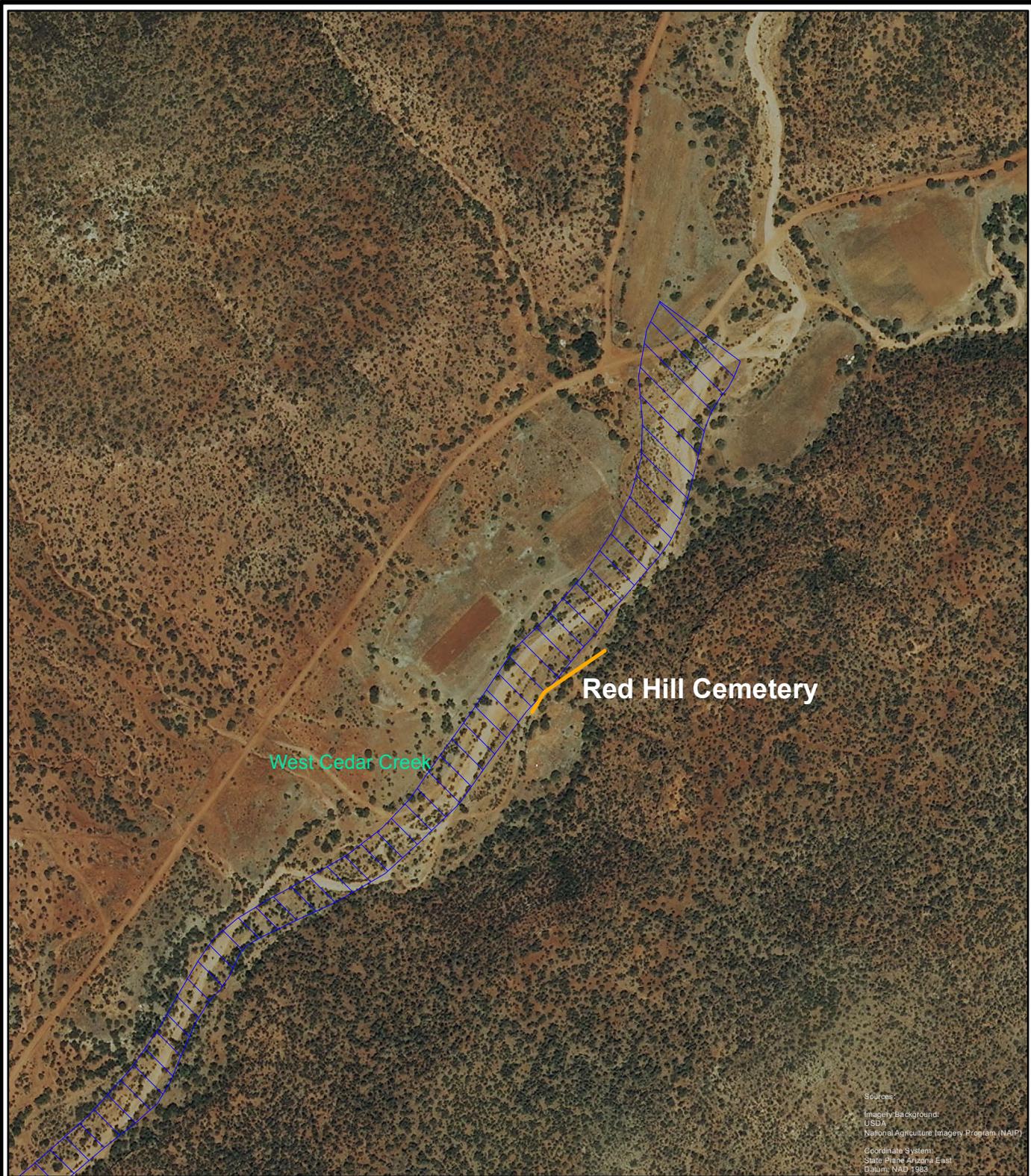
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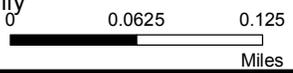


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