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PINE CREEK CANYON ROAD PROJECT UPDATE
Notice Date: July 8, 2011

Dear Gila County Resident:

The Gila County Public Works Division is notifying you of the status, and changes to the schedule, for the **Pine Creek Canyon Road Project**. The Project includes widening and paving of approximately 5,000 feet of Pine Creek Canyon Road starting from the intersection with Highway 87.

As discussed at the February Public Meeting there are significant issues for all of the existing utilities that must be addressed as part of the roadway reconstruction. These issues have been found to be greater than expected and the relocation of the utilities will take longer than anticipated. The Pine-Strawberry Water District has also decided that they would like to take advantage of the reconstruction and replace and upgrade their aging distribution system in the area. Possible upgrades may include larger supply lines as well as fire hydrants. Coordinating these upgrades with the road project should result in cost savings to Gila County residents.

As a result of these activities taking longer than anticipated Gila County has decided to delay construction of the road until the spring of 2012. The County does not want to risk starting the project in late summer or the fall and being unable to complete it due to winter weather. The possibility of this highly travelled roadway existing as a dirt roadway through the winter is not an option that the County wishes to pursue.

We appreciate your understanding and patience of this necessary project time extension.

For more information about the Project, please contact Steve Sanders, Deputy Public Works Director, at ssanders@gilacountyaz.gov or (928) 402-8530.