



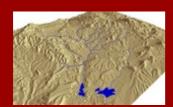


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Creek Care Guides Coming Soon



The "impaired" status of Prescott's Watson Lake comes not from a major polluter, say the experts, but rather from the little things - the fluids leaking from a car, the pet waste left in a wash, the fertilizer used in a garden. Because of the extensive watershed that feeds Watson Lake, many of the byproducts of urban life ultimately end up in the lake.

The resulting high levels of pollutants have rendered Watson Lake unsuitable for swimming, and have contributed to the unsightly blanket of algae that appears on the lake each summer. To help remind



Watson Woods has been especially woody



We have had lots of activity going on at Watson Woods this past month! One thing that is especially exciting is that we are making significant progress in getting much of the large, downed, woody debris that has been scattered throughout Watson Woods since our forest fires in 1997 and 2005. January 12th-18th, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) was extremely kind enough to donate an Asplundh Tree Expert Company Crew to "mop up" and cut a majority of the downed trees and limbs into firewood size pieces. The plan is gather the wood and donate it to various community service organizations and families in need of firewood. More information here.

residents about the impacts of their actions, and to offer tips for how to reduce the pollution, the Prescott Creeks organization has produced "Creek Care," a 21-page pamphlet that is full of practical suggestions and information.

For more information see the article here.



Come <u>celebrate</u> Karen O'Neil, Prescott Creeks board member and birder-extraordinaire tomorrow night at Yavapai College 6:30 - 8 pm in the Susan W. Webb Community Room, Building 19, Room 147.

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