



PRESCOTT CREEKS

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PRESCOTT CREEKS ENDURES LOG CABIN OFFICE FIRE

On December 10th and 11th, 2017 the Prescott Creeks office located in the historic log cabin located at 1801 N. State Route 89 was consumed by fire. Most importantly:

- 1) No one was hurt during the fire.
- 2) Prescott Fire Department responded promptly and the fire crew was able to contain the fire to just the one building. Prescott Creeks was especially concerned with the potential for the spread of fire to the Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, which did not occur.
- 3) While incurring a near-total loss, **Prescott Creeks is here and operational!** They do need your help getting back to full speed and refocused on their mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona. *Please see details below on how to help.*

Prescott Creeks would like to thank the Prescott Fire Department for their extensive work fighting the blaze. While above and beyond the call of duty, their successful efforts to retrieve the Prescott Creeks data servers, backup drives, and many irreplaceable paper files from the burning building are greatly appreciated and essential to a quick recovery for Prescott Creeks.

How the community can help:

Prescott Creeks thanks everyone who has reached out to show their support. Executive Director Michael Byrd said: "This has been a light for us during an otherwise dark time. While we are operational, it is at a decidedly diminished capacity." Byrd said the Prescott Creeks phones are currently routed to his mobile phone and they're working from laptops on a pickup tailgate in the parking lot of the burned building.

For those looking to help Prescott Creeks recover and move forward, they are planning a fundraising event for the first half of January 2018. Until then, they are asking the community to make contributions to their Year-End Fundraising Appeal. Donations can be sent to the address listed below or made electronically through the Donate Now page on their website. Byrd explained that community donations count more now than ever. They'll also post a list of specific items needed on the Prescott Creeks website at www.PrescottCreeks.org.

Finally, a critical next step for Prescott Creeks is to find a new or temporary office location from which to advance their mission. They are exploring all opportunities at this point. If you think you can help, please contact them with information.

For more information, Prescott Creeks can be reached in multiple way:

On the web at www.PrescottCreeks.org/Donate;

on social media at: www.Facebook.com/PrescottCreeks and www.Twitter.com/PrescottCreeks;

by email at: Info@PrescottCreeks.org; by telephone at: (928) 445-5669; or

via USPS at: Prescott Creeks, PO Box 3004, Prescott, AZ 86302-3004.

Prescott Creeks is a Arizona not-for-profit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean water in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education and advocacy. Established in 1990, Prescott Creeks has ecologically restored Granite Creek in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, worked with community stakeholders to improve impaired surface water quality in Prescott-area streams and lakes, and has organized the annual Granite Creek Cleanup since 2006.
