July 26, 2021

Dear Lumberjacks,

NAU experienced a flooding event on Saturday afternoon that affected the area along McConnell Drive, between Pine Knoll and San Francisco. It was a relatively small amount of flooding when compared to what we have seen in other areas of Flagstaff, but there were some impacts nonetheless. The NAU Police Department proactively sent out an NAU Safe Alert when several roads on campus were covered by floodwaters making driving through them too treacherous. A number of our buildings also experienced minor water intrusion.

Our Capital Planning and Campus Operations crews worked through the night and into the morning to extract water from buildings and roads. They were back on campus Sunday checking every building and clearing debris from roads, sidewalks, and parking lots.

I am thankful that there was not extensive damage and even more thankful for the tireless commitment of every member of our team to ensure our campus returned to open and operational status as we arrived at work today.

All the best,

José Luis Cruz Rivera
President