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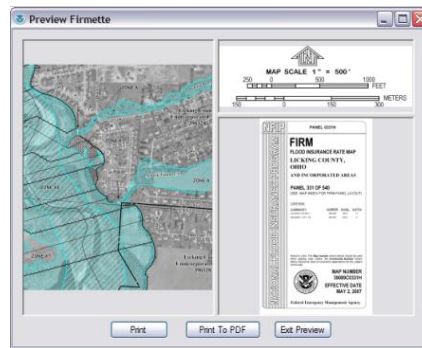
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News from Region X

New Version of FIRMette–Desktop!

The Customer and Data Services team at Risk MAP is pleased to announce the launch of FIRMette–Desktop version 3.2.3, which is now available for download from the Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov.



The FIRMette–Desktop application provides greatly expanded functionality over the earlier FIRMette–Web tool. Key features include:

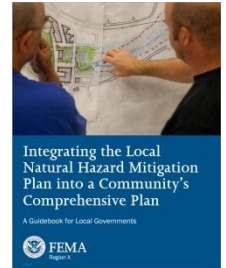
- A customized method for users to access FEMA-provided mapping images
- The ability to query the FEMA Letters of Map Change (LOMC) Database
- Tools to generate flood map images with various levels of focus and fidelity
- Offline functionality enables users to work with previously downloaded documents and data

The latest release addresses known issues and enhances application functionality.

If you have any questions about this release, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

New Region X Guidebook for Local Governments

FEMA’s Region X Mitigation Planning Team has released *Integrating the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan into a Community’s*



Community’s Comprehensive Plan: A Guidebook for Local Governments.

This guidebook was developed by FEMA to explain and demonstrate how to integrate natural hazard mitigation concepts into local comprehensive plans. The guidebook describes the benefits of integration, provides examples of how it can be accomplished, reviews existing state authorities and regulation, and highlights successful best practices in Region X.

The guidebook is available in the [FEMA Library](http://www.fema.gov/library) and on www.starr-team.com.

If you have any questions about this guidebook, please contact Brett.Holt@fema.dhs.gov.

Ask the Help Desk

If you have questions about Risk MAP, mitigation planning, floodplain ordinances, flood study project status, LOMCs, ECs, or CECs, let us help! Email the Region X Service Center Help Desk, RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.



Oregon Cascadia Tsunami Guidance

The Oregon DLCD Coastal Management Program has released a new land use guide for coastal communities, *Preparing for a Cascadia Subduction Zone Tsunami: A Land Use Guide for Oregon Coastal Communities*.



Preparing for a
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The purpose of the guidance is to assist vulnerable communities as they incorporate tsunami resilience measures into their local land use programs. The land use guide is designed to be tailored by communities to address their individual tsunami risk and location and provides comprehensive information focused on land use planning approaches to reduce tsunami hazard risk and implement important land use resilience measures.

This tsunami land use guidance was developed by DLCD in partnership with a diverse and capable advisory committee comprised of participating State of Oregon agencies and organizations, local government representatives, and Cogan Owens Cogan, a multi-disciplinary consulting firm. Advisory Committee members from Local governments included representatives from the Cities of Cannon Beach, Coos Bay, Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Manzanita, Seaside, Waldport, Yachats, and Coos County.

Visit the *Oregon Coastal Management Program Publications website* to view this and other publications. To view the *Tsunami Guidance* only, [click here](#).

Increasing the number of CFMs in Region X

One way of increasing the number of CFMs in our region is to make it easier to sit for the CFM exam. Any current CFM can proctor the exam. There is a proctor agreement on the ASFPMP website

There are clear guidelines for scheduling the exam, finding a suitable place, proctor requirements and confidentiality considerations. Anita Larson at ASFPMP is the contact and she is helpful and responsive to both proctors and those registering for the exam.

Registration for the exam is handled by ASFPMP. The proctor does not handle payments from registrants. Once you have secured a place for the exam and submitted the proctor agreement, there are no responsibilities until the exams are delivered a few days before the test date. There are instructions to follow for administering the exam and for returning them to ASFPMP for grading.

If you know two or more people who have been putting off becoming certified because they can't travel to take the exam or the times it has been scheduled are inconvenient, offer to proctor the exam in your hometown at a convenient time and location and help increase the number of CFMs in the Pacific Northwest.

Mary McGown is the former State NFIP Coordinator for Idaho. She has proctored the CFM exam six times.

Newsletter Ideas?

We strive to fill this newsletter with articles that are relevant and interesting to YOU! If you have an idea or submission, please email us, RXNewsletter@starr-team.com

Upcoming Events & Training

(All times Pacific)

Alaska HAZUS Overview

January 7-9

Anchorage, Alaska

Kelly.Stone@fema.dhs.gov

Elevation Certificates for A Zones

January 9, 10am

March 13, 10am

Online* - 2 CECs

Floodplain Development Permit Review

January 14, 9am

Online* - 1 CEC

Inspecting Floodplain Development

January 16, 10am

February 12, 10am

Online* - 2 CECs

CRS Webinar Series: Introduction to CRS

~~January 21, 10am~~ FULL

~~February 18, 10am~~ FULL

March 18, 10am

May 20, 10:00 am

Online* - 1 CEC

NFIP Basics

January 30, 9am

March 12, 9am

Online* - 1 CEC

CRS Webinar Series: Developing Outreach Projects (Activity 330)

February 19, 10am

March 19, 10am

Online* - 1 CEC

Determining a Base Flood Elevation

February 27, 10am

Online* - 1 CEC

Elevation Certificates

February 13, 10am

April 17, 10am

*To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site online at j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.

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CRS Webinar Series

The Community Rating System (CRS) provides reduced premiums for flood insurance policy holders in communities that implement programs and activities that exceed the minimum criteria for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. If your community conducts floodplain mapping, regulatory, loss reduction, emergency management, and/or public information activities, you could benefit from this program.

FEMA is introducing the CRS Webinar Series targeted to new communities that are not yet in the program and local government staff with some experience in the CRS. The Series will include basic introductory sessions and more advanced topics.

The first sessions are expected to fill quickly, but additional sessions are being scheduled. Session details and registration information will be available online at www.fema.gov, or visit atkinglobalna.webex.com/tc and search "CRS" for a list of upcoming sessions.

If you have questions regarding the CRS Webinar Series please contact Becca.Croft@atkinglobal.com.

NORFMA News

-A message from Hans Hunger, NORFMA Chair

ASFPM Conference Update

The Puget Sound is getting a rare opportunity to host a national forum for floodplain management as Seattle is hosting the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) annual conference June 1-6. The conference is shaping up to be the biggest conference yet for ASFPM. The Oct 31 deadline for presentation abstracts resulted in a record number of submittals.

As the local organization we are responsible for many conference functions such as hosting the Welcome Fest on Sunday Night, planning the field trips, staffing the silent auction, and assisting in reviewing abstracts. Also this year we will continue the tradition started last year of hosting a 5K run.

There is a lot of work to host a conference of 1200 – 1500 people but NORFMA has been hard at work with a local conference committee led by Jerry Louthain from HDR. Carla Bracken from NHC is the Volunteer Coordinator; John Engel from King County is the

Field Trip Coordinator; Tony Malone, retired from Tetra Tech, is the Local Sponsorship Coordinator and Golf Tournament Lead.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer and I encourage you to contact Carla Bracken to get your name on the list of volunteers.

Check the ASFPM website for additional information about the conference including registration and hotel specifics, when information becomes available in February.

NORFMA Annual Conference

NORFMA will not be holding their annual conference in September this year so that we can support the national conference, instead. But NORFMA will be supplying training several training opportunities throughout the year. They will be posted in the STARR Region X newsletter as they are scheduled.

CRS Users Group Meeting

The next CRS Users Group meeting will be March 13th at Tacoma Mall Plaza. For previous meeting notes and handouts please visit www.norfma.org.



Happy New Year!

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