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# News from Region 10



## Flood Risk Communication Toolkit & Video Series

In an effort to help residents and other stakeholders become full partners in increasing resilience, FEMA has produced the [Flood Risk Communication Toolkit](#) and [Video Series](#) for Community Officials. The benefits of the mapping program and its connection to risk reduction are showcased in both publications, utilizing plain language and organized information.

The Toolkit and Video Series were developed to help community officials begin and maintain an open channel for communication. The Toolkit includes templates and guides for communication plan design, effective public meetings, and a social media strategy for addressing flood risk. It is supported by story maps and videos that visually communicate the objectives of updating flood risk data and maps.

These resources provide a clear and consistent experience for users nationwide, with a goal of providing leaders and influencers with the tools to plan for evolving risk, increased financial exposure, and disruptions based on underestimated risk.

*Please direct questions to [michelle.madeley@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:michelle.madeley@fema.dhs.gov).*

## FEMA Releases Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook



The National Mitigation Planning Program is pleased to announce the arrival of the Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook. The Tribal Handbook is a companion to the Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide, which went effective on December 5, 2018. While the Tribal Guide is the official interpretation of the tribal mitigation planning regulations, the Tribal Handbook provides practical approaches and advice for tribal governments as they develop their hazard mitigation plans.

The Tribal Handbook is organized around the seven recommended steps for developing a Tribal mitigation plan. It begins with an overview of the planning process, then reviews each step of the process in more detail. It provides considerations for how to implement the mitigation plan, advance mitigation activities, and incorporate risk reduction into other tribal plans and programs.

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*Tribal Planning Handbook (cont.)*

Appendices with resources and worksheets are also included. The Tribal Handbook also uses a fictional tribal government and planning area, the Roaring River Indian Community, to illustrate approaches for developing the plan and the connections between the steps in the process.

*The Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook is available online at: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/179207>.*

## Featured Training

### Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Webinar Series

Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grants are funded annually and are designed to assist States, U.S. Territories, Federally-recognized tribes, and local communities in implementing a sustained natural hazard mitigation program. This program awards planning and project grants and provides opportunities for raising public awareness about reducing future losses before disaster strikes.

FEMA Region 10 is pleased to announce the training and technical support schedule for tribal governments interested in applying for PDM grants. The sessions will take place late August to early October, and will be recorded for those not able to attend in person. To register for one or more sessions, please visit [j.mp/starronlinetraining](http://j.mp/starronlinetraining).

For PDM grant program info, visit <https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program>.

Questions about this webinar series may be directed to [FEMA-R10-HMA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R10-HMA@fema.dhs.gov).

### L273: Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP

October 21 - 24, 2019  
Lewiston, ID

Spaces are still available for this course, designed for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. The course, hosted by FEMA Region 10 and the Idaho Department of Water Resources, will focus on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinances administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

Tuition is free for those accepted; there are no travel or salary stipends available. To apply, please use the following application form: [FEMA Form 119-25-1 Application](#).

*Please direct any questions to the course coordinator at [michelle.schmeling@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:michelle.schmeling@fema.dhs.gov).*

### CRS Users Group Quarterly Meeting

July 18, 1-3 pm  
Tacoma Mall Plaza

The next CRS Users group meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019. It will be held at the Pierce County Planning & Public Works offices in Tacoma, WA. This quarter's discussion topic will be Impact Adjustment Maps. There is a Skype connection available for those who cannot attend these quarterly meetings in person.

*RSVP to Dennis Dixon at [ddixon@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:ddixon@co.pierce.wa.us).*

## Ask the Help Desk

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email [RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com](mailto:RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com).

## Job Opportunities in the Region

FEMA Region 10 is seeking qualified candidates for several open Public Assistance positions within the Recovery Division including Site Inspectors, Program Delivery Managers, and Operations Support Staff.

These positions present opportunities for new graduates entering the workforce, or individuals with backgrounds in engineering, science, accounting, construction, surveying, planning, project management, or other similar fields. Applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate one year of experience consisting of developing, coordinating, or writing responses for internal and external stakeholders in addition to preparing and presenting analyses or recommendations.

*Resumes should be submitted to [FEMARegionXPAJobs@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMARegionXPAJobs@fema.dhs.gov).*

## Newsletter Ideas?

Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures.

Email [RXNewsletter@starr-team.com](mailto:RXNewsletter@starr-team.com).



**Online Training**

(All times Pacific)

**CRS: Developing a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis**

July 16, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**CRS: Flood Warning & Response (Activity 610)**

July 17, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**Floodplain Development Permit Review**

July 18, 9 am  
September 12, 9 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**Inspecting Floodplain Development**

July 18, 10:30 am  
September 12, 10:30 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**Elevation Certificates**

August 1, 10 am  
Online – 2 CECs

**NFIP Basics**

August 15, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

**Tools for Determining BFE**

September 5, 10 am  
Online – 1 CEC

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To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site:

[j.mp/starronlinetraining](http://j.mp/starronlinetraining), or email [RXTraining@starr-team.com](mailto:RXTraining@starr-team.com).