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News from Region 10

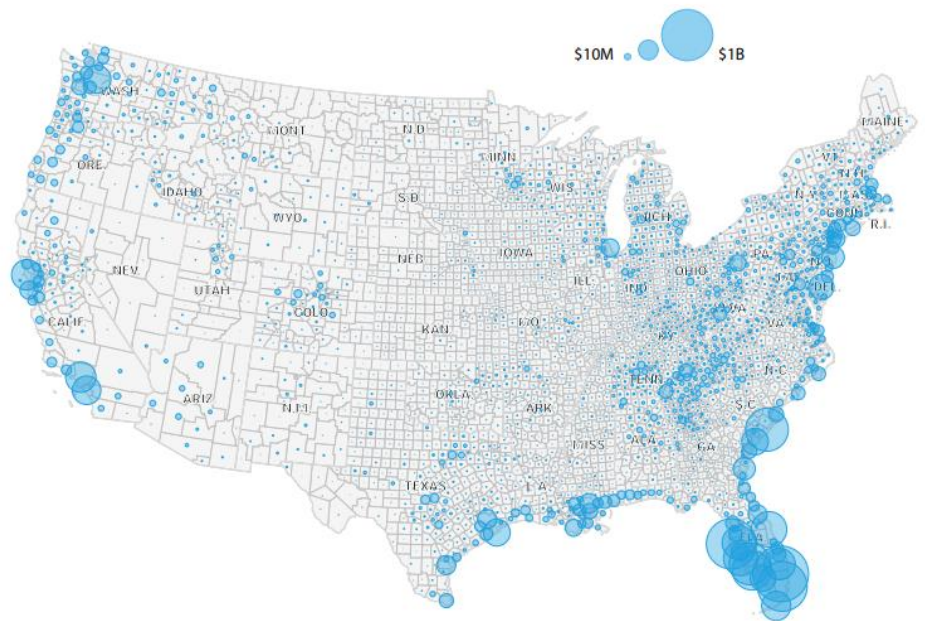


Figure 1: Total estimated residential structural flood damage by county, 2021 (First Street Foundation, 2021)

Report: “The Cost of Climate: America’s Growing Flood Risk”

The First Street Foundation is a non-profit aimed towards defining America’s flood risk through research and technology. This February, the foundation published a report containing information of interest to many stakeholders across the United States regarding the increasing cost of restoring communities, following a flood event.

In their report, “The Cost of Climate: America’s Growing Flood Risk,” the foundation outlines multiple causes for concern surrounding the expected impact of financial losses due to increasing flood risk across the country.

According to their research, 4.3 million residential homes already

face “substantial flood risk that would result in economic damage.”

In addition to data and research relating to how many homes are and will be at risk, this report contains information about the rising issue of the current cost of flood insurance and how premiums will ultimately need to increase in the coming years to accommodate the effects of climate change.

While the effects of increasing flood risk vary from region to region, it is shown throughout this report that both coastal and inland communities will be influenced by the forecasted economic impact related to flood risk and flood insurance.

This report focuses on the idea that as the climate continues to change, flood likelihood and the risk of damage to buildings increases. With this increase comes a dangerous gap

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Climate Change Report, cont'd

in the amount of money being paid into premiums and the cost of the damaged anticipated in the coming years. This report also summarizes the economic risk experienced inside and outside of Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs):

*“Of the states with over \$400 million in annualized economic risk for residential properties with **substantial flood risk**, California, Washington, New York, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania all have more risk outside of SFHA’s than inside, per the results of the analysis.”*

This type of research and analysis can help stakeholders better understand the growing risks related to climate change.

For details or to view this report, visit [the First Street Foundation site](#).

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.

Upcoming Idaho NFIP Workshop & CFM Exam Offerings

The Idaho Department of Water Resources Management will be holding several National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) workshops throughout the month of March. These workshops will cover the following topics:

NFIP 301: Provisions in the IRC & IBC, Elevation Certificates, and Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement.

301 - Blackfoot, ID
Monday, March 15th, 2021
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

301 - Pocatello, ID
Tuesday, March 16th, 2021
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

301 - Twin Falls, ID
Thursday, March 18th, 2021
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

NFIP 102: Permitting, Manufactured Homes, Insurance, Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement, and LOMC & ESA.

102 - Twin Falls, ID
Wednesday, March 17th, 2021
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

CFM Exam – Twin Falls, ID
Friday, March 19th, 2021
8:30 am – 11:30 am

To sign up for the exam, please [click here](#).

Space is limited to 20 students per course or exam session for safety and social distancing purposes. It is recommended that you to sign up early to reserve your spot for these events. There is no cost associated with attending, and Continuing Education Credits (CECs) will be offered for each 301 & 102 course.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Idaho’s NFIP State Coordinator, [Maureen O’Shea](#).



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.

Online Training

(All times Pacific)

CRS: Preparing a Verification Visit

March 16, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Credit for Conservation and Recovery of Threatened and Endangered Species

March 17, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

STARR: Floodplain Development Permit Review

March 18, 9 am
Online – 1 CEC

STARR: Inspecting Floodplain Development

March 18, 10:30 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

April 13, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Watershed Master Planning

April 14, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

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