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FEMA's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

The 2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan outlines a bold vision and three ambitious goals designed to address key challenges the agency faces during a pivotal moment in the field of emergency management.

Wide-ranging and long-term, the goals defined in the plan respond to the changing landscape in which we find ourselves. While some activities in this plan can be quickly realized, some will require efforts through 2026.

The plan outlines three bold, ambitious goals to meet this challenge. These goals position FEMA to address the increasing range and complexity of disasters, support the diversity of communities we serve, and complement the nation's growing expectations of the emergency management community.

Emergency management is centered around people — those who work with FEMA and those who are served by the agency.

The first objective in each goal focuses on the emergency management workforce, ensuring they are ready to support those served.

Underserved communities, as well as specific identity groups, often suffer disproportionately from disasters. As a result, disasters worsen inequities already present in society.

The second objective highlights how the agency can better support communities through FEMA programs.

The third and final objective centers around how FEMA policies, tools and programs, as well as collaboration with partners, can be leveraged to increase whole community outcomes in emergency management.

The goals and objectives laid out in the Strategic Plan will enable success for the agency, the emergency management field, and those who are served.

For more information and to review this strategic plan, visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Flooding After Fire May Be More Severe

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Floods are the most common and costly natural hazard in the nation. And after a wildfire, the charred soil and burnt vegetation can lead to a bigger risk of flooding and mudflow for up to five years or more due to vegetation loss and soil exposure. Residents and businesses in areas recently affected by wildfires need to protect their physical and personal property with flood insurance.

Dangerous mudflows may occur when rainwater moves across barren ground, picking up soil and sediment and carrying it in a stream of floodwaters.

Flood damage after fire is often more severe and can lead to dangerous mudflows. A mudflow occurs when rainwater moves across barren ground, picking up soil and sediment and carrying it in a stream of floodwaters. You can watch and share our [15-second](#) and/or [30-second](#) videos for more on mudflows. When sharing social media resources, don't forget to use our [hashtags](#), [#NFIP](#), [#FloodInsurance](#), and [#FloodAfterFire](#).

No structure is immune to flooding, but with flood insurance, residents and business owners can be ready for nature's next test. It typically takes 30 days for a new NFIP flood

insurance policy to go into effect, so the time to buy flood insurance is now. Flood insurance can be the difference between recovery and financial devastation.

There's just no rest for the West. But at least residents can rest assured that they have flood insurance. We encourage people to protect the life they've built.

Learn more about flood after fire risk and find digital resources to share with your community in the NFIP Resource Library by visiting [FloodSmart.gov/wildfires](https://www.floodsmart.gov/wildfires).

For general inquiries about the National Flood Insurance Program, visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) center [website](#) for additional information.

For more up-to-date information, you can also sign up to receive [email updates](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

For more information on this article, reach out to LaToya Butler-Jones at LaToya.Butler@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA: New Climate Change Resiliency Guidance

Long-Term Community Resilience Exercise Resource Guide

The impacts of climate change are being felt today in communities across the country and increasingly

test our resilience. Exercises provide a method for participants to visualize a future that is outside their direct experience and evaluate options for constructive action to adapt to climate changes already occurring and those to come. [The Long-Term Community Resilience Exercise Resource Guide](#) is a "one-stop-shop" for any jurisdiction or organization looking to conduct a climate-focused exercise.

The guide is helpful for planning and conducting scenario-based exercises. It uses different time horizons and levels of climate risk to help visualize the future and evaluate options for constructive action to adapt to climate changes already occurring and those to come.

For more information or to download this guide, visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Training Opportunity

Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is offering a *Managing Development Through the NFIP* training. This 4-day FEMA course will be offered in Hayden, Idaho from March 14-17, 2022.

The Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) exam will be held following the workshop on March 18th.

To sign up for the exam, please visit [ASFPM's website](#).

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. for this workshop, please contact [Idaho's State NFIP Coordinator](#).



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.



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)

No Jan or Feb classes scheduled at this time; stay tuned for future offerings.

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