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News from Region 10

FEMA R10 Welcomes Willie Nunn as Regional Administrator



Figure 1: (left to right): Deputy Region 10 Administrator Vince Maykovich, Region 10 Administrator Willie G. Nunn, and FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell.

Willie G. Nunn was sworn in by FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell at the regional office on Monday, February 28th following his appointment by President Joe Biden.

As the Regional Administrator, Mr. Nunn will lead and coordinate all activities in support of FEMA's mission with the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, as well as the 271 federally recognized tribes within the region.

Mr. Nunn joined FEMA in June 2007 and has effectively managed disasters in all four states in Region 10 plus nine states across the country and two United States territories. He was certified as a Type 1 Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) in June 2014. As an FCO, Mr. Nunn served as the representative of the President of the U.S., Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and FEMA Administrator during major disaster and emergency declarations.

His previous roles within FEMA included serving as Assistant

Director of the Office of Federal Disaster Coordination, as Lead Field Coordinator for FEMA Region 10, and as an FCO Type 1 Field Leader Supervisor for FEMA Regions 2, 8, 9, and 10. He also served as Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Insurance, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Field Operations Directorate, and Senior Advisor for the Operational Coordination Division.

Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Nunn was on active duty for over 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Colonel. His assignments included two command tours and two combat tours in Operations Enduring Freedom in 2002 in Afghanistan and Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Mr. Nunn earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife Sylvia have three children, Sacha, Adam, and Alene.

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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.

FEMA R10 New Hire: Kara Jacobacci

Mitigation Division / Risk Analysis Branch

Join us in welcoming Kara Jacobacci, a new Risk Analyst within FEMA Region 10's Risk Analysis Branch.



She works with state, local, and tribal partners through the Risk MAP program to deliver multi-hazard risk assessments and new or updated flood studies, which analyze a community's vulnerability to natural hazards. Ms. Jacobacci assists in managing the Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) grant program and utilizes HAZUS and GIS software tools to assist communities as they identify and develop mitigation actions that will increase their resilience to future incidents.

Ms. Jacobacci first came to Washington as a GeoCorps intern where she was a Geoscientist in the Park at North Cascades National Park. For the past five years, she has worked as a Landslide Hazards Geologist for the Washington Geological Survey.

Her job duties included working on landslide inventories and observing landslides in the field as well as emergency response and post-wildfire debris flow hazard assessment. During her tenure at the Washington Geological Survey, she had many opportunities to interact with the public and promote geologic hazard awareness. She is a licensed engineering geologist in the state of Washington and active in the local chapter of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists.

Ms. Jacobacci has a Bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Massachusetts and a Master's of Science in Earth and Climate Science from the University of Maine. She grew up in New Jersey and lived in New England for a while before moving to the Pacific Northwest. She currently resides in Olympia, Washington where she enjoys spending time outside.

For more information, reach out to Ms. Jacobacci [here](#).

ASFPM: Future Leaders Scholarship

Applications due April 18th, 2022



The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship is **up to \$20,000 per year for two years** available to a student entering their junior year in a 4-year undergraduate degree program or entering the last two years of a 5-year or dual degree undergraduate program. The funds will pay the recipient's college or university directly for any tuition costs which exceed any existing financial aid or scholarships up to \$20,000 per year. Funds remaining after tuition payment may be used for other educational expenses, room and board in a college dormitory, or an equivalent stipend if living off campus.

The ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship has been established to provide financial support, mentoring and professional opportunities to undergraduate students who will grow to advance the vision of the ASFPM Foundation, which focuses on reducing the risk

and impacts of floods on people and communities.

The Future Leaders Scholarship is intended to support the academic career of a deserving undergraduate student, studying in areas such as engineering, planning, and biological, earth and social sciences, interested in a career field related to reducing the risk and impacts of floods on people and communities. This includes the fields of floodplain management, watershed and coastal management, and incorporates climate change, the environment, and urban and land management issues. Professionals working in the field include people in the public and private sectors and who are scientists, engineers, planners, and researchers.

The ASFPM Foundation has established eligibility criteria for the Future Leaders Scholarship, and along with a demonstration of financial need, the student must be pursuing a course of study related to the vision of the ASFPM Foundation.

The [Future Leaders Scholarship Page](#) includes information on the purpose, duration, what the Scholarship includes, and selection criteria.

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall 2022 to Spring 2024 Future Leaders Scholarship. Applicants must complete an [online application](#) in order to be considered for this scholarship. Please share this opportunity widely!

The FLS Application deadline is April 18, 2022.

Questions about the ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship may be directed to asfpmfoundation@floods.org and will usually be answered within 48 hours.

Training Opportunity

Managing 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 at no cost in Hayden, Idaho from March 14-17, 2022. The Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) exam will be held following the workshop on March 18th.

To apply for this FEMA course, please submit your application to nlahti@imd.idaho.gov.

To sign up for the CFM exam, please visit [ASFPM's website](#) and complete the [CFM Exam application](#).

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



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)

Introduction to the CRS

March 15, 10 am
Online - 1 CEC

CRS & Higher Regulatory Standards

March 16, 10 am
Online - 1 CEC

CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

April 19, 10 am
Online - 1 CEC

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