

CLASS INFORMATION AND SUMMARIES

Monday (July 19, 2010)

- 1) Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) Exam Refresher – 10:00am – 1:00pm – Lecture Hall
University of Montana-Helena College of Technology
1115 North Roberts St., Helena, MT
Presenters – Carrie Higinbotham & Mike DaSilva
Description: An interactive review session for the CFM Exam. This class provides a unique opportunity for participants to ask specific questions about the exam and will include floodplain topics that appear in the exam.

- 2) CFM Exam – 2:00pm-5:00pm – Lecture Hall - University of Montana-Helena College of Technology
1115 North Roberts St., Helena, MT
Presenters – Carrie Higinbotham & Mike DaSilva
Description: The Association of State Floodplain Managers has established a national program for professional certification of floodplain managers. The program recognizes continuing education and professional development that enhance the knowledge and performance of local, state, federal, and private-sector floodplain managers. ASFPM Exam, Fee & Exam Registration apply and are separate from Montana Floodplain College registration, see: http://www.floods.org/ace-files/documentlibrary/CFM/ASFPM_CFM_Info_10_1_2009.pdf

- 3) GIS Workshop – 1:00 – 4:30 pm – Room 133 – University of Montana – Helena College of Technology
1115 North Roberts St., Helena, MT
Presenters – Todd Klietz, Zack Collins, & Troy Blandford
Description: Get on board with GIS! Who should attend? Representatives from communities with DFIRMs (Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps) or who will be receiving DFIRMS i.e. local floodplain administrators, officials, GIS specialists. Find out how to use and get the most out of your DFIRM data and maps. Limit of 19 participants. Register early.

- 4) Legal Workshop – 8:00am – 5:00pm – University of Montana – Missoula, Law Building Room 201
32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT
Presenters – Ed Thomas, Esq., Jerry Grebenc, Fred Robinson, Esq., Marnie McClain, Esq., and James McCubbin, Esq.
(8 CLEs are available for this workshop)
Description: This workshop is free and will include “Protecting the Property Rights of All”, “Successful Harm Prevention Negotiation”, “State Floodplain Legal Review”, “Regulating Development: Beyond the Floodplain Statutes”, and “Building a Strong Local Floodplain Program and Understanding Your Ordinance from a Local Perspective.”

“Protecting the Property Rights of All” – This session will focus on the fundamental message that “Mitigation is a better choice for State and local government than Litigation” and how floodplain permit decisions could affect a community’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Legal issues and case studies have been reviewed and provided as insight on what would be

in the community's best interest to consider when reviewing and deciding on floodplain legal issues. The Workshop recommends an NAI/CRS approach to a unified Hazard Mitigation - Water Resources Program.

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“State Floodplain Legal Review” – This workshop will focus on state floodplain legal issues. The emphasis will be on state personnel and their role in the floodplain program. Also, it will look at the model ordinance, variance requirements and the touch on state statutes.

“Regulating Development: Beyond the Floodplain Statutes” - There are more than just the “floodplain statutes” for managing development in floodplains. Montana statutes provide local governments with several options for reducing the impact of flooding upon new development. Title 76, Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of the Montana Code Annotated are the basis for cities, towns and counties to undertake comprehensive planning (growth policies) and to implement that planning through subdivision and zoning regulations. Regulation of subdivision development can guide the development of new residential and commercial lots, while zoning regulations are most effective for addressing development on existing lots. We will discuss the rationale and practical application of these planning tools.

“Building a Strong Local Floodplain Program and Understanding Your Ordinance from a Local Perspective.” - Understanding and implementing the NFIP State and Federal Regulations in local programs is not only required, but makes for a strong local floodplain program. Presenting a review of local ordinance, floodplain file maintenance requirements, floodplain applications, permits, how to handle violations, and the importance of communication with various agencies to include Environmental Health, Local officials, and Planning and Zoning. Community attorneys and floodplain administrators working together to have a clear understanding of the local floodplain ordinance.

Tuesday (July 20, 2010)

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Wednesday (July 21, 2010)

- 1) DNRC Floodplain Engineering 101 Seminar – 8:00am – 5:00pm – Lecture Hall – University of Montana – Helena College of Technology
1115 North Roberts St., Helena, MT
Presenters – Steve Story, P.E., and Larry Schock
Description: DNRC is presenting an 8 hour introductory technical course on Floodplain Engineering. The seminar has been developed to provide training for Engineers, Surveyors, and other professionals (in both the private and public sectors) that do work in Montana's regulatory floodplains. The course is provided free of charge, however room is limited and we encourage everyone to register early. We anticipate releasing an announcement with a detailed agenda in early June.

Thursday (July 22, 2010)

- 1) Administering a Strong Floodplain Program – 8:00am – 5:00pm – Lecture Hall – University of Montana – Helena College of Technology
1115 North Roberts St., Helena, MT
Presenters – Traci Sears, Jeff Ryan, Karl Christians, Mike Sullivan, Todd Tillinger, Dave Martin, Sean O’Callaghan, Mary Guokas, Marjio Brady, and Lisa Oedewaldt.
Description: DNRC is presenting an 8 hour interactive course on Administering a Strong Floodplain Program. The course will include the a joint application permit training, knowing your Floodplain Ordinance, the permitting process to include a walking through a review of a permit application, site visit, and writing up a permit, dealing with violations, a review of the Floodplain Administrators Guide Book, the Community Rating System, and Outreach Toolkits.

Friday (July 23, 2010)

- 1) Floodplain 101 – 8:30am – 3:00pm – Helena – DNRC Water Resources Building, Fred Buck Room 1424 9th Ave., Helena, MT
Presenters – Traci Sears, Steve Story, Celinda Adair, and Mary Guokas
Description: This is an introductory course on floodplain management and the NFIP. This course may also be used for educating interested parties (general public, local officials, and collaboration partners) as an introduction to the field of floodplain management. It includes NFIP Basics, Map & Flood Insurance Studies, the Floodplain Manager’s Role, NFIP Compliance, Elevation Certificates, and Flood Insurance.

National Flood Insurance Program for Insurance Agents
1-Day Seminars,

- Monday, July 19- Livingston
- Tuesday, July 20- Helena
- Wednesday, July 21- Great Falls
- Thursday, July 22 – Kalispell
- Friday, July 23- Missoula

Seminars are open to non-agents, space permitting. Sessions provide a series of building blocks which address not only the most basic flood insurance issues, but some more advanced components as well. At the conclusion of the day, attendees with little or no prior NFIP experience will understand how to build a flood insurance policy from the ground up.
Register at <http://www.nfipiservice.com/training/index.html>