



MONTANA FLOODPLAIN 2024 RESOURCE SEMINAR

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"Recovery, Flood Risk, and Compliance"

The DNRC's Montana Floodplain Resource Seminar offers no-cost training on topics related to management and administration of Montana's floodplain program. Workshops are available to community members and professionals, including floodplain administrators, community officials, permitting partners, state agency and FEMA personnel, and other interested parties.

All Resource Seminar sessions will be hosted daily via Zoom using the links provided below.

To access/attend the seminar, a link for each day is given below. You can access one or all workshops and adjust your participation to best fit your schedule.

For assistance, questions, or more information, please contact:

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Shylea Wingard, MT NFIP/CAP Planner at Ph (406) 581-5254 | Email: shylea.wingard@mt.gov

SEMINAR ACCESS VIA ZOOM

DAY 1: RECOVERY - Montana Floodplain Resource Seminar

DECEMBER 16th, 2024, 01:00 PM – 4:30PM *Mountain Time (US and Canada)*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/83415051158?pwd=QJWiiy3mLIHZY7jKCyxhBfQ8Zio03.1>

Meeting ID: 834 1505 1158 / Password: 981434

Dial by Telephone: +1 646 558 8656

DAY 2: FLOOD RISK – Montana Floodplain Resource Seminar

DECEMBER 17th, 2024, 08:30 AM – 12:00 PM *Mountain Time (US and Canada)*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/85745219654?pwd=Zl3aNMYYw81ao9IRKo9nhhcJdPtK1l.1>

Meeting ID: 857 4521 9654 / Password: 649552

Dial by Telephone: +1 646 558 8656

DAY 3: COMPLIANCE - Montana Floodplain Resource Seminar

DECEMBER 18th, 2024, 08:30 AM-12:00 PM *Mountain Time (US and Canada)*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/86974844529?pwd=JuLlb9LhohqlA2HPON4UrfbEnX2BKk.1>

Meeting ID: 869 7484 4529 / Password: 452454

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AGENDA

Monday, December 16th, 2024,

RECOVERY

NOTE: CECs will be applied for with ASFPM. CFM's will receive CEs for this day with verified and active participation.

1:00 pm – 1:05 pm

2024 Resource Seminar Kickoff and DNRC Staff Introductions

Description

The 2024 Resource Seminar will pack a variety of training sessions and speakers into a three-day event that focuses on three main themes: Recovery, Flood Risk, and Compliance. Traci Sears will kick off the event with a quick overview of the agenda and introduction of DNRC Floodplain Staff. ALL Participants will be asked to put their Name, Agency/Department, Location and Email in the chat.

Facilitator: Traci Sears, CFM – MT NFIP Coordinator | MT DNRC | Water Operations | Tsears@mt.gov

1:05 pm – 1:20 pm

Exceeding Expectations: Disaster and Recovery at the Federal Level

Description

FEMA Region VIII partners will provide an overview of what NFIP participating communities are expected to do with their floodplain program during and after a disaster event to satisfy federal requirements.

Topics include:

- Documentation / Substantial Damage Estimates
- Permitting – for repairs, replacements, debris removal, PA projects, mitigation projects, etc.
- Mitigation opportunities
- Compliance Expectations

Presenter: Harry Katz -Floodplain Specialist| FEMA Region VIII | Harry.Katza@fema.dhs.gov

1:20 pm – 2:00 pm

Exceeding Expectations: Rethinking Floodplain Management at the Local and State Levels

Description

Participants will learn about local and state responsibilities and best practices for managing a floodplain program and property owner permitting during and after a disaster event.

Presenters:

Stephanie Ray – Floodplain Administrator (FPA) | Stillwater County | sray@stillwatercountymt.gov

McKenzie Goodenough, CFM – UT Floodplain CAP Specialist | UTAH DES | mgoodenough@utah.gov

Shylea Wingard, CFM – MT Floodplain CAP Planner | MT DNRC | Water Operations | Shylea.wingard@mt.gov



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▶ 2:00 pm – 2:15pm

Break

▶ 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

DNRC Funding Opportunities for Community Resiliency Projects

Description

This session will cover DNRC's grant programs with a focus on those that can support community flood mitigation and resiliency. You will get tips for planning and submitting a successful application.

Presenter:

Michelle McNamee, Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program Manager | MT DNRC | CARDD | MMcNamee@mt.gov

▶ 2:45 pm – 4:30 pm (5 Minute Break at 3:45)

SDE – Introduction, In the Field and How to Use the Tool Training

Description

Workshop that focuses on introduction of Recovery including how to conduct SDEs in the field and how to input information into the FEMA 3.0 Tool.

Presenter:

Traci Sears, CFM – MT NFIP Coordinator | MT DNRC | Water Operations | Tsears@mt.gov

END of DAY 1 - Recovery



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Tuesday, December 17th, 2024

FLOOD RISK

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8:30 am – 8:35 am

2024 Resource Seminar 2nd Day Kickoff

Description

Mickey Navidomskis will kick off Day 2 of the 2024 Resource Seminar which focuses on Flood Risk.

ALL Participants will be asked to put their Name, Agency/Department, Location and Email in the chat.

Facilitator: Mickey Navidomskis, PE – MT Floodplain Engineer | MT DNRC | Mickey.Navidomskis@mt.gov

8:35 am – 8:50 am

Find Out What is New in Flood Insurance from the NFIP

Description

Overview of recent changes to the NFIP Flood Insurance including Installment payment options and a flood insurance premium calculator.

CONGRATULATIONS DIANA
On your retirement!

Presenter:

Diana Herrera | Regional Flood Insurance Liaison | FEMA Region 8 | Diana.Herrera@fema.dhs.gov

8:50 am – 9:20 am

DNRC Floodplain Mapping Program Overview –

Description

Overview of on-going and future Montana mapping projects.

Presenters:

Nadene Wadsworth | DNRC Floodplain Program | Mapping Outreach Coordinator | Nadene.Wadsworth@mt.gov

Hannah Shultz | DNRC Floodplain Program | Mapping Outreach | Hannah.Shultz2@mt.gov



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9:20 am – 10:00 am

Using-In Progress Floodplain Studies for Floodplain Management –

Description

Around half of the counties in Montana have new floodplain studies in-progress. While these studies can take 5+ years from start to finish, some data is available fairly early on such as lidar elevation data and bathymetric surveys of large rivers. The base flood elevations and floodplain maps from the new studies take a while longer, but they are available well before new FEMA FIRMs are issued. This presentation will be an overview of when and how to use in-progress floodplain study data.

Presenter: Doug Brugger | DNRC Water Operations | Interim Bureau Chief | Douglas.Brugger@mt.gov

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am

Breaking Down the Alphabet Soup of CLOMR and LOMR

Description

Participants will be given the secret recipe on how to use and understand Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMRs), Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs) and how they differ from Letters of Map Amendments (LOMAs). Further Ben will break down which form applicants should use, typical FEMA submittal requirements, and community approvals, acknowledgements and reviews.

Presenter: Ben Rood, PE, CFM | Associate Engineer | WSP USA | ben.rood@wsp.com

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Finding the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) in Approximate "A" Areas.

Description

Approximate Zone A's are areas on a FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) not studied by detailed hydrologic/hydraulic methods. These areas are shown as "Zone A" without a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) identified on the FIRM or the Flood Insurance Study (FIS). Determining the BFE in these areas can be challenging, but guidance and new technology is available to assist in determining a BFE where there is no other information available. This training will review and provide guidance on various methods to determine a BFE in an Approximate Zone A.

Presenter:

Larry Schock – Missoula Regional Engineer | MT DNRC | Water Operations | lschock@mt.gov

END of DAY 2 – Flood Risk



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AGENDA

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024

COMPLIANCE

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8:30 am – 8:35 am

2024 Resource Seminar 3rd Day Kickoff

Description

Shylea Wingard will kick off Day 3 of the 2024 Resource Seminar which focuses on Compliance.

ALL Participants will be asked to put their Name, Agency/Department, Location and Email in the chat.

Facilitator:

Shylea Wingard, CFM – MT Floodplain CAP Planner | MT DNRC | Water Operations | shylea.wingard@mt.gov

8:35 am – 9:35 am

Exceeding Expectations for Compliance at the Local and State Floodplain Levels

Description

Local permitting and compliance at the local level.

Presenters:

Cody Marxer – Planning Director and FPA | Madison County | cmarxer@madisoncountymt.gov

Traci Sears, CFM – MT NFIP Coordinator | MT DNRC | Water Operations | Tsears@mt.gov

9:35 am – 10:05 am

Tips for Submitting Floodplain Applications – Permit Review by DNRC Regional Engineers

Description

Learn how to improve your efficiency and speed up the floodplain permitting process by submitting a "complete" floodplain application on the first submission that will not get kicked back for insufficiency.

Presenter: Mickey Navidomskis, PE – MT Floodplain Engineer | MT DNRC | Mickey.Navidomskis@mt.gov

10:05 am – 10:20 am

Break



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10:20 am – 10:45 am

FEMA 1316

Description

Did you know FEMA can deny flood insurance coverage to properties that are found to be in violation of state or local laws, regulations, or ordinances? Section 1316 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 provides for the denial of flood insurance and disaster funds for property that has been declared a violation of floodplain management regulations by local authority. Traci Sears will explain the federal guidelines, process, and requirements for 1316 submittals to FEMA.

Presenter:

Traci Sears, CFM – MT NFIP Coordinator | MT DNRC | Water Operations | Tsears@mt.gov

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Lewis and Clark County - 1316 and Compliance – Real Life Application

Description

When a property owner refuses to bring a structure into compliance with local floodplain regulations – what can local floodplain administrators, community officials, or deputy attorneys do? Lewis and Clark County will share their compliance and enforcement process, experience, and documentation recommendations – including the 1316 process is a last resort option.

Presenter:

Worby McNamee – Planner and FPA | Lewis and Clark County | wmcnamee@lccountymt.gov

Traci Sears – MT NFIP Coordinator | MT DNRC | Water Operations | Tsears@mt.gov

END of DAY 3 – Compliance

Your feedback and comments are welcome.

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Thank you for attending the 2024 Montana Floodplain Resource Seminar!