

# QUICK REFERENCE FOR FLOODPLAIN MAP INFORMATION

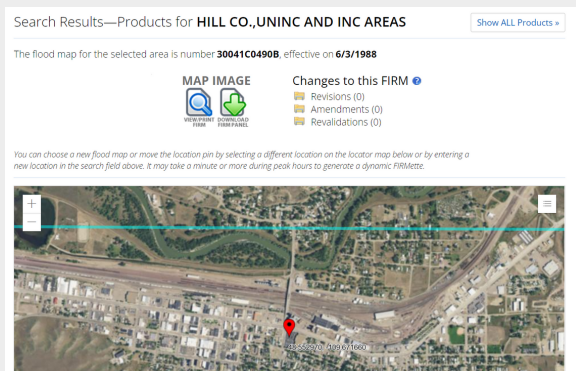
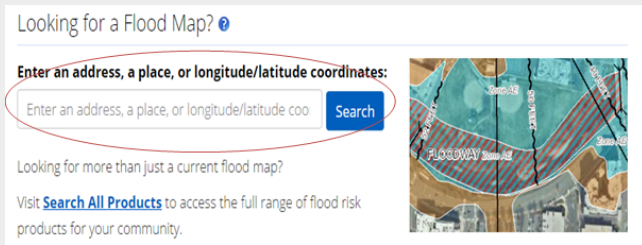


Most activities in a mapped 100-Year Floodplain (1%-Annual-Chance Floodplain) require a floodplain permit issued by the community. For floodplain permitting questions, first contact the local Floodplain Administrator. A complete list of Montana's local Floodplain Administrators can be found on the Contacts portion of the Floodplain website. Always begin coordination with your local Floodplain Administrator prior to any construction in the regulated floodplain. Permits apply in mapped floodplains. The mapped floodplains can be found on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or FIRM.

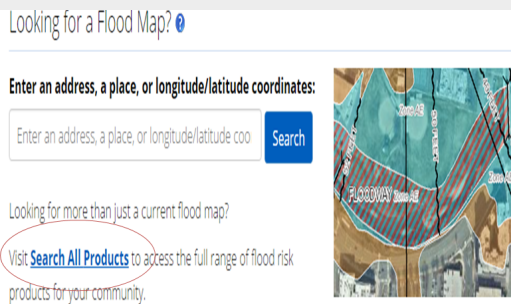
## LOCATING FLOODPLAIN MAPS

In the FEMA Map Service Center, you can find Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Letters of Map Change, and the National Flood Hazard Layer. <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

You can either enter an address or a specific location, state, city/county, zip code or even longitude and latitude of the map you are trying to find. This will pull up the current floodplain map for the location.



Or you can Search All Products to access all the flood risk products for the community.



**Search Results for POLSON, CITY OF**  
 Click [subscribe](#) to receive email notifications when products are updated.  
 Click to [download a listing](#) of all products.  
 If you are a person with a disability, are blind, or have low vision, and need assistance, please contact a [map specialist](#).

- Expand All
- Effective Products (10)
  - FIRM Panels (6) [DL ALL]
  - FIS Reports (1) [DL ALL]
  - LOMC (1) ← Click on the LOMC folder to see the community's Letters of Map Change.
  - NFHL Data-State (1)
  - NFHL Data-County (1)
- Preliminary Products (0)
- Pending Product (0)
- Historic Products (7)
- Flood Risk Products (0)

Click "FIRM Panels" to see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

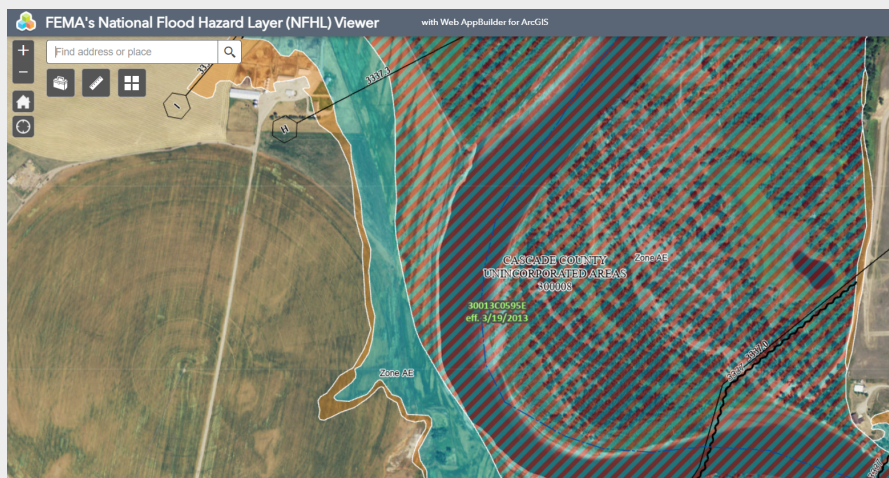
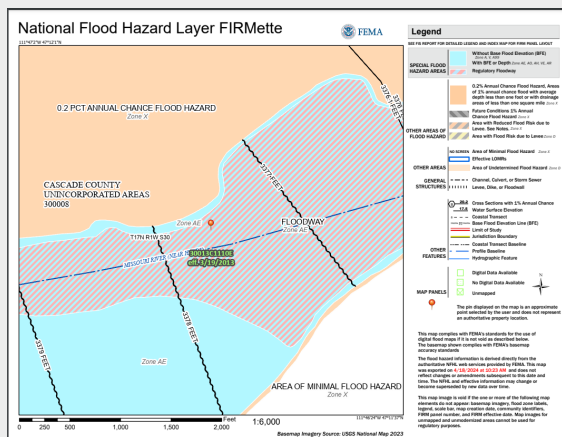
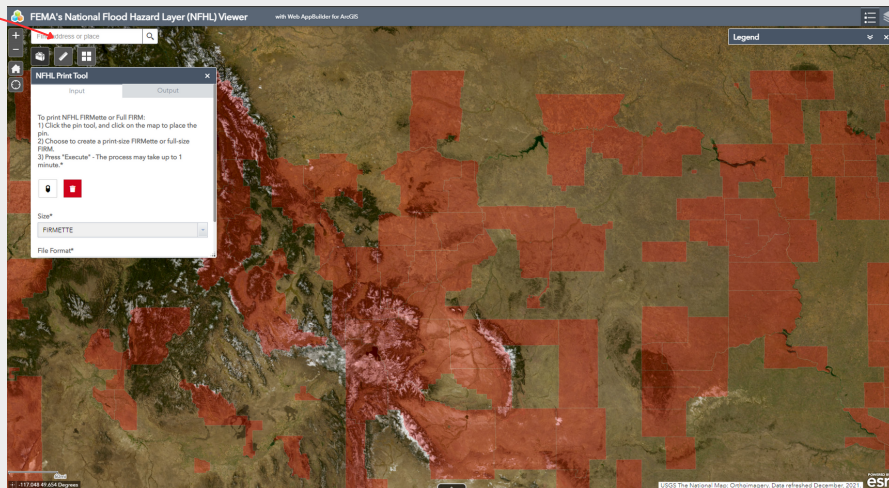
Click "FIS Report" to see the FEMA Flood Insurance Study.

## NAVIGATING THE NATIONAL FLOOD HAZARD LAYER

If your community has digital floodplain maps using the National Flood Hazard Layer viewer is easy. *Digital communities in the viewer will show up as red. Non digital communities are not able to use the viewer.*

Users can either enter an address or a specific location, state, city/county, zip code or even longitude and latitude of the map you are trying to find. The app allows the user to zoom in and out to show the flood risk for the location.

Users are able to create a smaller map of an area called a FIRMette. A FIRMette is just a smaller version of the FIRM.



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