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KALISPELL – FLATHEAD COUNTY FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 9-13, 2007

Increase your awareness about flooding for your benefit, as well as those of your neighbors and your community by participating in the Flathead County Flood Awareness week, April 9-April 13th. Highlights include Sandbagging competition with school classes from around the Flathead Valley, a panel discussion with experts from around the state from 6-8 PM on Tuesday, April 10th at the Expo Building, Flathead County Fairgrounds and free movies at the Flathead County library on Thursday, April 12th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This multi-agency event is receiving support from local, state, and federal agencies and representatives. It reflects the interagency cooperation needed in planning for reducing flood hazards and responding to flooding events.

Local communities are faced on a daily basis with requests to develop in and around designated floodplain areas. Through education, communication, collaboration, and advocacy, communities can be proactive in establishing policies and procedures that can help reduce hazards before a flood as well as efficiently assist in rebuilding following flood events. To help with this end a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 10th, 2007 from 5:30 -6:00 pm and will also take place at the fairgrounds.

More details about event dates and times during Flood Week can be found at

www.co.flathead.mt.us/fcpz/floodplain.html