

# 10 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PROSPECTIVE FLOODPLAIN CONSULTANT

- Are you or others in your firm, a Licensed Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Montana?
- Are you or others in your firm, a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM)?
- What experience do you or your firm have with working in a FEMA mapped 100 yr. floodplain in Montana?
- What experience do you or your firm have with the Montana floodplain permitting process and the other permits generally required for working within riparian areas, on stream banks, and in the water?
- What experience do you or your firm have with calculating 100 yr. flood flows in Montana?
- What experience do you or your firm have with conducting topographic land surveys specifically for the purpose of modeling a 100 yr. floodplain?
- Have you, or anyone in your firm, ever constructed a HEC-RAS model? If so, when and where? Describe any formal training you or your firm has received using HEC-RAS.
- Are you, or anyone in your firm, familiar with the FEMA Letter Of Map Change (LOMC) process?
- Have you, or anyone in your firm, successfully completed a FEMA No-Rise Certification, i.e. Encroachment Analysis in a detailed study area vs. an area with approximate data?

**Permitting Considerations:** Are you, or others in your firm, familiar with local floodplain regulations applicable to projects in your region? What specific types of projects have you or others in your firm successfully obtained a local floodplain permit for?

