

# Montana Floodplain Resource Seminar 2013: July 22-26, University of Montana-Helena College

Week- at- a- Glance (Updated 6/18/2013)

	Mon. July 22	Tues. July 23	Tues. July 23	Wed. July 24			Thur. July 25		Fri. July 26
AM	<p><b>MT Floodplain Legal Workshop (HELENA)</b> 8:00 – 5:00 *Ed Thomas, Esq., and Don Watson, FAIA, CIP</p> <p>“Building Community Resilience and Sustainability through Comprehensive Community Planning”</p> <p>Lect Hall-Rm 125</p>	<p><b>MT Floodplain Legal Workshop (Part 2) (HELENA)</b></p> <p>Work group planning and interaction</p> <p>8:00-12:00</p> <p>Lect Hall-Rm 125</p>	<p><b>Flood Insurance – Just the Facts (HELENA)</b> 8:30-11:30</p> <p>Room 002-003 downstairs</p> <p><b>Elevation Certificates</b> 12:30-2:30</p> <p>Room 002-003 downstairs</p>	<p><b>FP 101/ Basics of Permitting (HELENA)</b></p> <p>9:00-12:00</p> <p>Lecture Hall-Rm 125</p>	<p><b>CFM Prep (HELENA)</b></p> <p>9:00-12:00</p> <p>Room 002-003 downstairs</p>	<p><b>MT Floodplain Legal Resource Workshop (BUTTE)</b></p> <p>Public Archives Building 8:30-12</p>	<p><b>Floodplain 101 for Realtors (HELENA)</b></p> <p>Lecture Hall-Rm 125</p> <p>8:00-12:00</p>	<p><b>MT Floodplain Legal Workshop (Miles City)</b></p> <p>Miles Community College</p> <p>8:00 – 5:00 *Ed Thomas, Esq., and Don Watson, FAIA, CIP</p> <p>“Building Community Resilience and Sustainability through Comprehensive Community Planning”</p>	<p><b>MT Floodplain Legal Workshop (Part 2) (Miles City)</b></p> <p>Miles Community College</p> <p>Work group planning and interaction</p> <p>8:00-12:00</p>
PM					<p>CFM Exam 1:00-4:00</p> <p>Room 002-003 downstairs</p>				

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For more information: [www.mtfloodplain.mt.gov](http://www.mtfloodplain.mt.gov)

To register online, access the following link: [https://app.mt.gov/cgi-bin/confreg2/index.cgi?CONFERENCE\\_ID=2943&ACTION=INTRO](https://app.mt.gov/cgi-bin/confreg2/index.cgi?CONFERENCE_ID=2943&ACTION=INTRO)

**MT Floodplain Legal Workshop**, Mon. 8:00-5:00

**Ed Thomas, Esq., and Don Watson, FAIA, CIP**

This session will provide information and tools for local communities faced with a myriad of complex issues that affect the viability of the community economically and aesthetically. This session will provide a framework for leveraging private and public resources and information to achieve a thriving resilient community, and assist in creating a mechanism for communities to initiate independent work groups that can further discuss workshop goals. This course is designed for attorneys, community officials, floodplain administrators, planners, surveyors, engineers, storm water managers, building inspectors, developers, insurance agents, lenders, real estate professionals, environmental health staff, sanitarians, DES staff, Conservation Districts, architects, and others involved in floodplain management in Montana.

**MT Floodplain Legal Workshop**, Part Two Tues. 8:00-12:00

**Ed Thomas, Esq.; and Don Watson, FAIA, CIP**

This session will focus on breakout working groups that will prioritize and analyze the previous day's content and use in identifying local conditions, vulnerabilities and assets. Groups will summarize and discuss identified mitigation plan actions and their implementation.

*Morning and afternoon snacks and beverages will be provided throughout the week. Lunch will be provided on **Tuesday**.*

*Lodging options in Helena:*

[http://visitmt.com/places\\_to\\_stay/hotels\\_and\\_motels/](http://visitmt.com/places_to_stay/hotels_and_motels/)

**Flood Insurance – Just the Facts**, Tues. 8:30-11:30

**Connie Flora, Jennifer Sherratt, National Flood Services**

This session provides attendees with a basic understanding of the National Flood Insurance Program. The course opens with a history of the NFIP; discussion then moves on to how the program works with regards to the guidelines, regulations, coverage, as well as underwriting information and much more. The course is designed to give those with limited knowledge of the NFIP the basics to get started, and for those with experience, a wider understanding of the program and its intricacies. Course objectives are to provide participants with the knowledge necessary to comprehend the standard flood insurance policy, in addition to providing information on the rules and regulations of the NFIP. Accordingly, the session has been approved by the NFIP to provide the Flood Certification required in most states for licensed agents who sell or intend to sell flood insurance. 3 CEC's.

**Elevation Certificates**, Tues. 12:30-2:30

**Connie Flora, Jennifer Sherratt, National Flood Services**

This session provides attendees with a more in depth understanding of Elevation Certificates and how they relate to the NFIP. The course opens with a review of the EC; discussion will then move on to interpret the information provided on the EC. By course end participants will be able to answer: 1. When the EC is required; 2. Why the EC is required; 3. Where EC's are obtained.

The course is designed for individuals who have a working knowledge of the NFIP. The course objective is to provide participants with the knowledge necessary to read EC's and understand why EC's are required by the NFIP. Additionally, attendees will be able to interpret information on the EC's and how it relates to rating flood insurance policies. Accordingly, the session has been approved by the NFIP to provide the Flood Certification required in most states for licensed agents who sell or intend to sell flood insurance. 2 CEC's.

**Floodplain 101/Basics of Permitting Workshop, Wed. 9:00-12:00**

**Bri Shipman, MT DNRC**

This session is tailored for those new to floodplain management and others interested in an overview of the basics of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and local floodplain programs – this segment will cover mapping, regulations, insurance, and the permitting process.

**CFM Exam Prep, Wed. 9:00-12:00**

**Carrie Higinbotham, Atkins & Mike DaSilva, Tetra Tech, Montana**

This is 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.

**CFM (Certified Floodplain Manager) Exam, Wed. 1:00-4:00**

**Carrie Higinbotham, Atkins & Mike DaSilva, Tetra Tech, Montana**

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 MT Floodplain Resource Seminar registration, see: <http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuid=405&firstlevelmenuid=180&siteid=1>

Apply to ASFPM for exam registration by July 3.

**MT Floodplain Legal Resource Workshop, Wed. 8:30-12:00 PM**

**Ed Thomas, Esq., & Don Watson, FAIA**

**BUTTE, MT**

**Location: Public Archives Building, 17 W Quartz St., Butte, MT 59701**

This session targets like-minded individuals with a proactive approach towards floodplain legal education and awareness. This group will discuss leading floodplain litigation issues and develop strategies and goals for future implementation, and plans for action, as part of a Montana Floodplain Legal Committee.

**Floodplain 101 for Realtors, Wed. 8:00–12:00**

**Bri Shipman, MT DNRC**

The objective of this course is to provide pertinent information on floodplain management related issues specific to realtors. Topics include regulatory mapping, flood zone clarification, legal implications, insurance ramifications, mitigation, and laws/regulations that pertain to properties located in and adjacent to the floodplain. This course will provide an avenue for realtors to gain additional understanding of floodplain management and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This session will offer insights on how local community NFIP participation affect realtors and potential purchasers of floodplain property in Montana.

**MT Floodplain Legal Workshop: Miles City Session,**

**Thurs. 8:00-5:00**

**Ed Thomas, Esq., and Don Watson, FAIA, CIP**

This reprised session will take place in Miles City at Miles Community College, and provide information and tools for local communities faced with a myriad of complex issues that affect the viability of the community economically and aesthetically. This session will provide a framework for leveraging private and public resources and information to achieve a thriving resilient community, and assist in creating a mechanism for communities to initiate independent work groups that can further discuss workshop goals. This course is designed for attorneys, community officials, floodplain administrators, planners, surveyors, engineers, storm water managers, building inspectors, developers, insurance agents, lenders, real estate professionals, environmental health staff, sanitarians, DES staff, Conservation Districts, architects, and others involved in floodplain management in Montana.

**MT Floodplain Legal Workshop: Miles City Session, Part Two,**  
Fri. 8:00-12:00

**Ed Thomas, Esq.; and Don Watson, FAIA, CIP**

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Recreational Diversions

**Helena's Alive at Five**

If interested in socializing and enjoying live music, check out Wednesday's Alive at Five in Helena.

<http://www.downtownhelena.com/01.09alive5.html>



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