



2018 Montana Floodplain Resource Seminar

July 16-19, 2018

Helena College

1115 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT

The Floodplain Resource Seminar offers free training on various topics to Montana's floodplain professionals and others interested. All sessions will take place at Helena College. Snacks and beverages will be provided. The "Target Audience" listed for each session in order to assure you make the best use of your time.

Anyone may register for the sessions at the link below, although only those who apply through ASFPM may take the CFM Exam.

Registration: [Online registration link coming soon!](#)

Monday, 7/16

▶ **NFIP Overview**

8:30am – 12:00pm

Room 125

Target Audience: Those taking the CFM Exam (but anyone may sit in)

CECs: To be announced

Presenters

Worby McNamee – DNRC Floodplain Program

Traci Sears – DNRC Floodplain Program

Description

This is an interactive review session covering various aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This class provides a unique opportunity for participants to ask specific questions about the NFIP and the CFM Exam. It will include general floodplain topics that are often addressed at the local level and those topics that appear in the Exam.

Monday, 7/16 (Concurrent Tracks)

CFM Exam

▶ **CFM Exam**

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Room 123

Target Audience: Only those who have applied to ASFPM to take the exam

CECs: 0

Exam Proctor

Worby McNamee – DNRC Floodplain Program

Description

This is the exam for the professional certification of floodplain managers provided by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Application for the CFM Exam is made through ASFPM and is separate from 2018 Floodplain Resource Seminar registration. Please be sure to both register for the Floodplain Resource Seminar session and apply to take the exam with ASFPM.

Exam takers must apply to ASFPM by July 1, 2018 at the link below.

<http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuid=405&firstlevelmenuid=180&siteid=1>

Insurance Track

▶ Navigating the Complexities of Flood Insurance

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Room 125

Target Audience: Anyone involved with flood insurance including insurance agents, floodplain administrators, communities with designated FEMA maps

CECs: To be announced

Presenter

Joe Rossi, ANFI, CFM–Chair and Executive Director, Mass Coastal Coalition, Flood Specialist w/Rogers and Gray

Description

This workshop will dive into the complexities of the Flood Insurance Program. It will touch on how to inform residents about insurance options, understanding map changes, and how to protect structures with insurance. The presenter will discuss how flood insurance affects a local community within and outside a disaster cycle. The workshop will provide a general overview of the nuances within the program and what to expect with program changes and delays in reauthorization.

Tuesday, 7/17

▶ Resiliency and Sustainability Empowering Residents and the Local Community

9:00am – 3:30pm

Room 125

Target Audience: Anyone involved with disasters, sustainability, mapping, local communities, and/or engineering

CECs: To be announced

Presenters/Working Group

Joe Rossi, ANFI, CFM–Chair and Exec. Director, Mass Coastal Coalition, Flood Specialist w/Rogers and Gray
Edward A. Thomas Esq., LLC – President of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association; and an elected member of the Council of the State and Local Government Section of the American Bar Association

Mark English – GeoSpatial Risk Analyst, FEMA Region VIII Mitigation Division
TBD, - Dept. of Commerce - Resiliency Committee

Description

This joint workshop will introduce attendees to rapid changes in the topics of resiliency and sustainability. The presenters will provide an overview of the strides that Montana is making in these areas and how these topics are being tackled around the nation through insurance, mapping, planning, and recovery efforts. Attendees will be able to network and pick up new tips and tricks to navigate the information, funding, and options available through various programs.

Wednesday, 7/18

▶ **Legal Liabilities and Land Use Pitfalls**

9:00am – 3:30pm

Room 125

Target Audience: Local and State Attorneys, floodplain administrators, and elected officials,
CECs: To be announced

Presenters/Working Group

Edward A. Thomas Esq., LLC – President of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association; and an elected member of the Council of the State and Local Government Section of the American Bar Association
Kelly Lynch Esq. – Montana League of Cities and Towns Deputy Director/General Counsel
Tara DePuy - Montana Association of Counties (MACO) JPIA Land Use Attorney
Dept. of Health and Human Services

Description

This joint workshop will focus on providing information and tools for local communities faced with a myriad of complex issues that affect the viability of communities, including in-depth discussions on variances, exemptions and building standards. The workshop will include interactive discussion and scenarios and will be facilitated by a nationally recognized expert in the fields of law, planning, low-impact design, resilience, recovery, and engineering.

Thursday, 7/19

▶ **Hydraulic Modeling**

9:00am – 4:00pm

Room 125

Target Audience: Engineers involved with floodplain mapping
CECs: To be announced

Presenter

Eli Gruber, P.E., - Water Resources Engineer, CDM Smith

Description

This full day workshop will dive into several HEC-RAS 1D modeling technical topics, and will also provide updates on 2D modeling. It will include an in-depth review and discussion of several case studies.