



Montana Floodplain Program Preparedness Call

Webinar Agenda

May 18, 2018

The intent of this call is to provide a quick overview of programmatic issues, concerns, and responsibilities under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) prior to, during, and after flood events. In establishing the format of the conference call/webinar, we are hoping to keep the official briefing of the meeting and update to only 15 – 30 minutes. Then we will open the call up to questions for interested parties. We will have state and federal partners on the call to answer questions following the official briefing.

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I. Current Situation Update

1. Current Flooding
 - a. Major: None at this time
 - b. Moderate: Missoula, Lewis/Clark County, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Powell, Ravalli, and Cascade County
 - c. Minor: Around the state
2. Current Advisories/Warnings
 - a. Warnings: Central and Western Parts of the state
 - b. Advisories:
3. Current Forecast
 - a. Showers and thunderstorms today will transition to warmer and dryer weather in the next few weeks.
 - b. River and Stream flooding ongoing in many locations – Active weather through the end of the week may worsen snowmelt flooding out of the mountains.

II. During the Flood: What should I be doing?

1. Daily Briefings

- a. Number of buildings at risk of flooding in SFHA (and outside)
 - i. How many NFIP policies do you have?
- b. Identify community buildings/evacuation centers in the SFHA
- c. Identify FEMA-recognized levees or floodwalls
- d. Non-recognized levees
- e. Discuss Emergency Permitting in SFHA (i.e. sandbagging)
- f. Discuss Substantial Damage (assessment teams, temporary occupancy)
- g. Contact the DNRC or FEMA for policy information.

2. Emergency Permits

- a. Utilize daily briefings to ensure permits are obtained
- b. Should reflect action taken, expiration date of permit, timeline, removal requirements, whether a formal floodplain permit would be needed
- c. Community can use resources to build an emergency berm or contract with Army Corps to construct one
- d. Understand the difference between a Floodplain Emergency Permit and sandbagging notice.
- e. Development within the SFHA will need a permit.
- f. The difference between designated flood zones and associated regulations.

3. Field Reconnaissance

- a. Evaluate structures SFHA structures for notifications, Substantial Damage inspections
 - i. What resources are available? Personnel, drones, etc.
 - ii. Field Worksheets
- b. Coordinate with Emergency Manager/damage assessment teams
 - i. Brief on SFHA location
 - ii. Brief on buildings in SFHA, foundation types, occupancy, depth of flooding
 - iii. Make available FIRMettes of areas impacted by flood
 - iv. Make available inspection worksheets to assist with Substantial Damage assessments

4. Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Teams (by Presidential Declaration)

- a. Individual Assistance (IA) Teams
 - i. Assistance to individuals, families, businesses, and non-profits
 - ii. Provides temporary housing, repair money, etc.
 - iii. Have different terms regarding severity of damage than NFIP
 - iv. Assess damage to any structure regardless of location (in or out of SFHA)
- b. Public Assistance (PA) Teams
 - i. Assistance to community for community-owned structures
- c. State/Tribal Emergency Management coordinates with local/county Emergency Management to guide PDA teams but you should strive to be a part of the teams

5. Community Outreach

- a. Community Meetings and Press Releases – discuss emergency permitting and S/D right away. NFIP flood insurance policies and reimbursable expenses for flood fighting materials and displacement.
- b. Property Owner Notification
 - i. Emergency Notification and After-The-Fact Permitting
 - ii. Sandbagging Notice
 - iii. Emergency Berms
 - iv. Substantial Damage notifications
 - v. Temporary Occupancy
 - vi. Flood Insurance Claims

III. After the Flood – Recovery Phase

- a. General overview of responsibilities
- b. Ask for assistance before, not after
- c. Possible training opportunity on S/D Estimator Tool and in-the-field training assessment of structures with Mississippi and South Carolina NFIP Coordinators.
- d. Example Inspection Worksheets and Documentation needed for SDE Tools.

IV. Further Discussion and Questions

V. Next Call – Webinar – 5/25 – At 1:30 pm