



Montana Floodplain Program Preparedness Call

March 30, 2018 Agenda

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.

Official Briefing Agenda

Roles and Responsibilities Throughout Flood Events

1. Flood declaration process
 - Local: Check with your Emergency Manager
 - State: <http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/Emergency/Response>
 - Federal
 - i. FEMA Disaster Declaration Process
 - ii. SBA
2. Federal role: Provides support when requested through the state
 - Human Resources
 - Funding
 - Materials
3. State role
 - Outreach
 - i. PSAs/Press Releases
 - ii. Handouts for community
 - Coordination
 - i. Declarations

- ii. PA/IA Visits
- iii. Phone numbers for text communication

4. Local Floodplain Administrator's Role

- Outreach
- Coordination
- Planning
- Technical Assistance
- Emergency Permitting
- Recovery efforts
 - i. Permitting
 - ii. Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement
 - iii. SDE 3.0 - <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/18692>
- Insurance Assistance
- Public Assistance/Individual Assistance
- Alabama Post-Flood Recovery Guidebook-2014

Current Situation and Concerns Over the Next Two Weeks

1. Areas of concern

- Wildfire Burn Areas (Sanders, Ravalli, Musselshell, Garfield, Missoula, Petroleum, Lincoln)
 - i. Risk will depend on spring snowmelt and possible spring rains.
 - ii. Since fall 2017, DNRC has been conducting ongoing outreach efforts about flood after wildfire.
- Ice Jam
 - i. Flood warnings on Missouri River (Landusky), Musselshell River, and Lower Yellowstone River (Miles City and downstream).
 - 1. 3/27: 7-mile long ice jam at Savage (Yellowstone).
 - 2. 3/27: Ice jam at Richland Park (photos available from NWS).
 - ii. NWS and DES are monitoring these areas.
- Erosion
 - i. Erosion issues likely on the Yellowstone and Clarks Fork River (Carbon and Yellowstone Counties) during spring runoff.
 - ii. DNRC has started outreach efforts to possible affected communities.
- Spring Runoff
 - i. Risk of flood from spring runoff is a statewide concern.
 - ii. Large potential for significant flooding at Glasgow.
 - iii. Have record high snowpack in many parts of the state.
 - iv. We are watching how quickly temperatures rise (strings of days in the 80s) and if/when we see spring rains.
 - v. NWS is predicting a cooler and wetter-than-average spring in most of Montana.

Additional Information on On-going Flood Coordination Efforts

Agency/State/Federal Coordination

- Working with state and federal agencies on on-going efforts to be prepared for the next few months.

Public Outreach

1. Press Releases/Media Contact
 - 1/18: Ice Jam Press Release
 - 2/21 Ice Jam Press Release (Eastern Montana)
2. Television PSA with Lieutenant Governor Cooney (30 seconds)
 - 3/20: Developed and approved script
 - 3/30: Commercial shall start running in all seven major Montana markets during prime time for a two-week period.
3. Social Media
 - Working on coordination with key social media contacts
4. Other Advertising
 - 3/27: Meet with Helena IR to develop digital ad(s)

Community Preparedness

1. Flood Coordination Calls for Floodplain Administrators
 - 3/23: Invited Floodplain Administrators to Kick-Off Call on 3/26
 - i. Bi-weekly, or weekly, as needed
 - Working on Substantial Damage training/webinar for floodplain administrators
2. Adobe Connect Website for Flood Coordination
3. DNRC Highground Newsletter
4. Email Correspondence to Floodplain Administrators
5. Meetings and Trainings
 - Future efforts

- i. April 2018: Meet with Petroleum and Garfield Counties about participation in the NFIP (in anticipation of flooding this spring).
- ii. April 2018: Meet with Town of Fromberg Mayor concerning erosion and flood issues.
- iii. May 2018: Flood Response/Recovery Training for Floodplain Administrators. Topics should include documenting flood damage, using FEMA's new Substantial Damage Estimator Tool.

Flood Response and Recovery

1. Disaster Declarations

- Local
 - i. March: Broadwater County
 - ii. March: Fort Belknap
 - iii. 3/26: Savage Ice Jam
- State
 - i. None declared at this time
- Federal
 - i. No requests at this time

2. Floodplain Administrators Primary Duties during response and recovery

- General Flooding Calls
 - i. Prepare your community
 - ii. Directing Calls to other agencies or departments
 - iii. Keeping an active log on response and recovery issues
- Insurance Inquires
- Permitting
 - i. Outreach to property owners
 - ii. Emergency Permitting procedures
 - iii. Keeping an active log on response and recovery issues
 - iv. PA projects and requirements
- Community Response and Recovery Plans
- Substantial Damage Assessments
 - i. SD Estimator – working on upcoming training efforts
- IA and PA Activity
 - i. Visits
 - ii. Permits

3. Data Collection (aerial photography, high water marks, peak discharge estimates, etc.)

4. Insurance Issues/Information

- Coordinating with FEMA acquiring historic claims and on Substantial Damage Information
- Coordinating with Montana Insurance Commissioner on flood insurance website and information