



90 DAY APPEAL AND COMMENT PERIOD

Jefferson County, Boulder, and Whitehall
Floodplain Maps Updates

APPEAL & COMMENT PROCESS

Recently your community received preliminary flood hazard maps. The updated flood hazard maps were prepared with the most up to date information available. These maps, once finalized, serve as the basis for your community's floodplain management program and serve as a tool that identifies areas prone to flooding within your community. Property owners and residents are provided an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the preliminary flood hazard maps – also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) – during a formal review period called the “90-day Appeal Period.” Submitted written appeals and comments are then consolidated by the community and provided to FEMA for consideration.

FEMA'S 90-DAY APPEAL & COMMENT PERIOD BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, AND WILL END DECEMBER 9, 2025.

IF YOU HAVE AN APPEAL OR COMMENT, THE COMMUNITY ENCOURAGES YOU TO BEGIN ORGANIZING MATERIALS EARLY SO THAT YOU ARE PREPARED FOR THE 90-DAY APPEAL & COMMENT PERIOD.

ALL SUBMITTALS MUST BE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BY FEMA DURING THE APPEAL PERIOD TO BE CONSIDERED.

COMMUNITY SUBMITTAL LOCATIONS

Can be delivered or emailed

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APPEAL

COMMENTS

An appeal is a formal written objection to the addition/modification of preliminary Base Flood Elevations/Flood Depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries, Zone designations, or regulatory floodway boundaries depicted on the preliminary FIRMs your community received. An appeal requires scientific data to dispute the maps.

A comment is an objection to a base map feature modification/addition, update to the FIS report materials or any other non-appealable change. Comments usually involve changes to items such as road locations and road names, corporate limits updates, or other base map features.

WHERE CAN I VIEW THE MAP CHANGES?

There are several locations where the changes can be viewed.

FEMA's Flood Map Changes Viewer:

- <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>

Jefferson County project page:

- <https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Floodplains/Floodplain-Mapping-Updates/Jefferson-County-Flood-Maps>
- Paper maps and the Flood Insurance Study can be viewed at the community offices.

Or online at FEMA's Map Service Center:

- <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

Please note that due to map scale limitations, requests which involve individual lots or structures believed to be incorrectly shown within the SFHA on the preliminary FIRM typically cannot be resolved through the appeal process. Property owners may submit mapping and survey information to FEMA to request a Letter of Map Amendment which officially removes a property or structure from the floodplain.

FEMA's LOMA webpage provides an overview of the process and outlines what information is required for a submittal: <https://www.fema.gov/letter-map-amendment-loma>.

Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) can be submitted through the Online LOMC site: <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/onlinelomc/signin>.