



Missoula County Consultation Coordination Officer Meeting

MEETING TITLE: Missoula County Consultation Coordination Officer Meeting

DATE AND TIME: 2:00pm November 6, 2025

LOCATION: Sophie Moiese Room of the Missoula County Courthouse Annex at 200 W. Broadway, Missoula MT

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MEETING AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Flood Risk through Mapping
3. County mapping history
4. Project background
5. Preliminary Study and Maps
 - a. Changes from Draft to Preliminary
 - b. Affected landowners and notifications
6. National Flood Insurance Program
7. Next Steps
8. Discussion

Commissioner: Are there any communities in MT that have opted out, if you will, and not allowed their citizens at 15% discount?

Traci Sears: Missoula is 1 of 11 communities. That participates in the community rating system. We have a higher standard as a state, and all communities can qualify

Commissioner: Matt, I feel like there may be some confusion to have two different maps trying to be adhered to?

Matt Heimel: Currently environmental health is using these maps for regulatory use, Planning and floodplain and permitting are not using the preliminary map data. We reference it and use it as advisory data to people but currently for permitting we are using that older data from the existing maps. The county could adopt the preliminary data at a public meeting but at this time that is not on the horizon.

Commissioner: Have you ever had a successful appeal?

Nadene Wadsworth: Yes, Gallatin Co., Bozeman Cr and West Gallatin River update. Required coordination with FEMA and their contractors. It was a business. The data that was required to be submitted was quite a lot. It did end up resulting in change in panels. It wasn't an easy task. You are correct commissioner a comment is I don't like these maps, or I

have never seen it flood here. The county provided comments similar to that at preliminary issuance that will be addressed by FEMA. An appeal is not that the maps could be done differently, an appeal has to show a scientific or mathematical error.

Commissioner: Would it be safe to say someone sees their property or a portion of their property and they want to challenge it they could expect that unless they are an engineer or surveyor, they would have to hire professionals for a formal appeal.

Nadene Wadsworth: To submit a formal appeal, I would agree with that.

Doug Brugger: We are happy to help them in the process; we have the data available. We can be a backup source for data and how to make an informed decision about an appeal at a 10,000 ft view. Matt should be the main point of contact, but we can help determine if something is an appeal.

Commissioner Question: Granite Co beat us is there an effort for Mineral Co and Ravalli?

Nadene Wadsworth: Yes, Mineral went effective on 21-22 we started with Mineral County and are currently working in Powell County. You get better results when you study the system as a whole. Currently though we do not have Ravalli County in our sites.

Bradley Watkins, Missoula CCD:

Expresses appreciation for the partnership and Matt H. Thanks to the county for having the avenue where we can provide a joint effort. Reminds public to look at the stream corridor and thanks everyone for their hard work on the maps.