

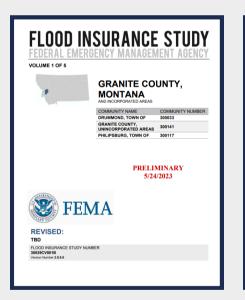


# Granite County Town of Drummond

# **Floodplain Map 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 IS **JUNE 20- SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**. IF YOU HAVE AN APPEAL OR COMMENT, THE COMMUNITY

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 BY FEMA DURING THE APPEAL PERIOD TO BE CONSIDERED.

#### COMMUNITY SUBMITTAL LOCATIONS CAN BE DELIVERED OR EMAILED

GRANITE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT Linda Bouck County Floodplain Administrator gcplanning@co.granite.mt.us P.O.Box 925 (Mailing) 220 N Sansome ST (Physical) Phillipsburg, MT 59858 TOWN OF DRUMMOND TOWN HALL Cary McLure Town Floodplain Administrator <u>townhall@townofdrummondmt.gov</u> P.O.Box 195 (Mailing) 114 A Street (Physical) Drummond, MT 59832

#### **APPEAL**

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.

### **COMMENTS**

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

#### Granite County project page:

<u>https://dnrc.mt.gov/Water-Resources/Floodplains/Floodplain-Mapping-Updates/Missoula-Granite-Floodplain-Maps-Updates</u>

Paper maps and the Flood Insurance Study can be viewed at the community offices.

### Or online at FEMAs 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.

