



FEMA

OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS EFFECTS OF FLOOD RISK IMPACT ON TETON COUNTY

The preliminary map for flood areas within Teton County has been released for community review.

Driggs, Idaho – On Thursday, November 15, from 4:00 PM to 7:00PM, property owners and community residents are invited to discuss the potential impacts of and provide feedback on the proposed community flood map revisions. The Open House will be held at the Teton County Courthouse (150 Courthouse Drive, Driggs). It will showcase Teton County’s current hazard mitigation planning efforts and provide an opportunity for community members to learn how to build stronger and safer in the face of natural disasters.

FEMA has issued a preliminary map showing revisions to the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain, which has a 1-percent chance of flooding in any year. These maps will help community officials and local residents identify flood risks. Following adoption, these maps will be used to determine flood insurance rates, and inform hazard mitigation plans, and land use and development decisions.

At the Open House, property owners and community residents will have the opportunity to learn about the flood mapping process and what the changes mean for them. Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions about how the map revision will impact their property and community.

All agencies encourage property owners to examine the preliminary maps, attend the November 15 Open House, and ask questions about how revisions could affect them. Preliminary maps can be reviewed at the County website (www.tetoncountyidaho.gov – click on the GIS Department link, and then on the link for the new flood plain map information) as well as in the Planning at GIS departments at the Courthouse.

If community members are unable to attend the Open House, meeting materials will be available at the County Planning Department in the Courthouse. Custom flood maps can be requested by contacting the Planning Department. Additionally, for questions regarding property and how individuals may be affected by the new map, written questions can be submitted to planner@co.teton.id.us. In the message, the following must be provided to receive a response: FULL NAME, FULL PROPERTY ADDRESS, PARCEL NUMBER (if available), CONTACT INFORMATION (mailing address, email address, and phone number), and QUESTION(S).

Flooding is the nation’s most common and most expensive natural disaster. According to national statistics, homes inside high-risk flood areas have a 26 percent chance of being damaged by flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage, compared with a 9 percent chance of sustaining fire damage.

More information on flooding and flood safety is available on www.tetoncountyidaho.gov. To learn more about federal flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov.