

Project History

The State of Idaho identified the Lower Boise Watershed as a priority for FEMA's Risk MAP program. The State determines its priorities based on population at risk to hazards, recent events, and community interest. FEMA, State, and Local stakeholders participated in Risk MAP Discovery Meetings held June 7 and 8, 2011 where community concerns were identified. These concerns were captured in the Risk MAP Discovery Report and delivered to the communities in the watershed. After the Discovery Meetings, community concerns were researched and analyzed, in order to develop a scope of work that includes updates to the communities' regulatory flood maps and Multi-hazard Risk Assessments based on community-identified resilience needs. Multiple partners are involved in this effort. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Walla Walla District is primarily responsible for Engineering, STARR is primarily responsible for updates to the regulatory flood maps, and University of Idaho is primarily responsible for Risk Assessments.

Project Milestones and Deliverables

Meeting/Deliverable	Point of Contact	Actual/Projected Date
Risk MAP Discovery Meetings	Kelly Stone	June 7 and 8, 2011
Flood Risk Review Meeting (FRR)/Draft Maps	David Ratté	January 14 and 15, 2015
Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Ferrin Affleck	September 13, 2016*
Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Meeting	David Ratté	September 27, 2016
Public Meeting/Workshop	Jamie Mooney	Fall 2016*
Draft Multi-Hazard Risk Report	Kelly Stone	Fall 2016*
Risk MAP Resilience Workshop	Kelly Stone	Fall 2016*
Delivery of Final Risk Report and Risk Assessment Database	Kelly Stone	Fall/Winter 2016*
Appeal Period Starts	Ferrin Affleck	Winter 2016/2017*
Appeal Period Ends	Ferrin Affleck	Spring 2017*
Letter of Final Determination	Ferrin Affleck	Summer 2017*
Maps and FIS become Effective	David Ratté	Winter 2017/2018*

**All projected dates are subject to revision as the project progresses.*

Next Steps

We held a Flood Risk Review (FRR) Meeting with community stakeholders on January 14 and 15, 2015. After this meeting, we received comments from communities. Response to comments were sent on May 7, 2015. All comments received have been addressed.

We received additional comments from the Cities of Boise and Garden City on November 20, 2015. Comments were specific to the Boise River. Resolution of these comments was handled by the Corps of Engineers.

We have identified levees that may be subject to the new approach and guidance for flood hazard identification and mapping that pertains to non-accredited levees. After receiving further feedback from affected communities, all of the non-accredited levees identified in the seclusion plan will be secluded with the exception of the City of Boise Barber Valley embankments, which were not considered levees by the City. Additionally, the City of Caldwell chose not to request additional time for the City to evaluate the flood hazard analysis and mapping along the Riverside canal embankment.

We are currently working to develop the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) in preparation for Preliminary map release. The revised Preliminary maps are expected to be released on September 13, 2016. A Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Meeting has been

scheduled for September 27, 2016 to present the preliminary products to the community officials from Ada and Canyon Counties. The CCO Meeting will give the communities an opportunity to have their questions answered and get an understanding of the path forward.

The appeal period will follow the CCO Meeting. The appeal period is the time when protests and appeals, with supporting technical data, may be submitted. It is during this time that both technical and non-technical data will be accepted and reviewed for possible incorporation into the maps. A letter will be sent to the communities explaining the appeal process. Any interested party who wishes to appeal should present the data that tend to negate or contradict our findings to the agency responsible for floodplain management (typically the City or County). That agency will then submit appeals to FEMA Region X directly. If an appeal or protest results in significant changes, FEMA will revise the FIS report and FIRM and send revised copies to your community for review. More details on the appeal process will be provided in the aforementioned letter and can also be found at http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp.

At the end of the 90-day appeal period and following the resolution of any comments, FEMA will send you a Letter of Final BFE Determinations (LFD). The scheduled LFD date could change if there are comments, protests, or appeals that require additional processing of the FIS and DFIRM.

The effective date for the project will be six months after the LFD.

Additional information on this project including the project area and Risk MAP contacts can be found online at:

<http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionX/LowerBoiseRiver/SitePages/Home.aspx>