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# News from Region X

## September is National Preparedness Month

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.**  
**MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



Ready.gov has many resources to make engagement easy

Join America's PrepareAthon! and the national day of action, National PrepareAthon! Day, on Sept. 30.

Need inspiration? Not sure where to start? Communities can find loads of resources including public service announcements, social media ideas, digital engagement toolkits, and lots of great graphics at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



Download the toolkit and get started with everything you need to spread the word about preparedness this month and year round. Visit [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september).

### Ask the Help Desk

If you have questions about Risk MAP, mitigation planning, flood study project status, LOMCs, ECs, or CECs, let us help! Email the Region X Service Center Help Desk, [RegionXHelpDesk@starrteam.com](mailto:RegionXHelpDesk@starrteam.com).

## NORFMA 2015 Annual Conference

**Floodplain Management: Decisions Today Last Beyond Tomorrow**

September 22-25  
Post Falls, ID

For conference information, schedule, and registration, visit [norfma.clubexpress.com](http://norfma.clubexpress.com)

## Featured Training

**Building Federal and Tribal Agency Partnerships with Local Governments**

September 18, 9a-3p  
NOAA, Seattle

Share lessons-learned and new ideas to help update Growth Management Act comprehensive plans throughout the region. The goal of this training is to provide a basic overview of land use planning processes in Washington State, and how federal interests and laws interact with these processes, especially in critical areas. Participants will learn how federal agencies can be a resource to local governments as they adopt plans and regulations that touch federal interests including surface water, floodplains, wetlands, fisheries, affordable housing, and regional transportation.

You can view the workshop announcement online at [www.starr-team.com](http://www.starr-team.com).

*To register please send your name, title, agency and email address to [Michael.Grady@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Grady@noaa.gov).*

## Upcoming Events & Training

(All times Pacific)

### Floodplain Management Variances

September 9, 8am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

### Elevation Certificates

September 10, 10am  
Online\* - 2 CEC

### L273 - Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP

September 14-18  
Hailey, Idaho  
[CRice@bhs.idaho.gov](mailto:CRice@bhs.idaho.gov)

### Introduction to CRS

September 15, 10am  
October 20, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

### CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

September 16, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

### NORFMA Annual Conference

September 22-25  
Post Falls, Idaho  
[www.norfma.org](http://www.norfma.org)

### Floodplain Administrator Roles in Disaster Situations

September 23, 8am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

### Options for Storm Protection in Floodplains

September 30, 8am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

### CRS: Drainage System Maintenance

October 21, 10am  
Online\* - 1 CEC

### G318: Mitigation Planning for Local Governments

October 27-28  
Lynnwood, Washington  
[Pamela.Anderson@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Pamela.Anderson@fema.dhs.gov)

### NORFMA HEC-RAS Workshop

November 18-20  
Boise, Idaho  
12 CEC  
[norfma.clubexpress.com](http://norfma.clubexpress.com)

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\*To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site online at [j.mp/starronlinetraining](http://j.mp/starronlinetraining), or email [RXTraining@starr-team.com](mailto:RXTraining@starr-team.com).