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News from Region 10

Washington State Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan

2018 Update Completed & Adopted; Includes New Format & Risk Index

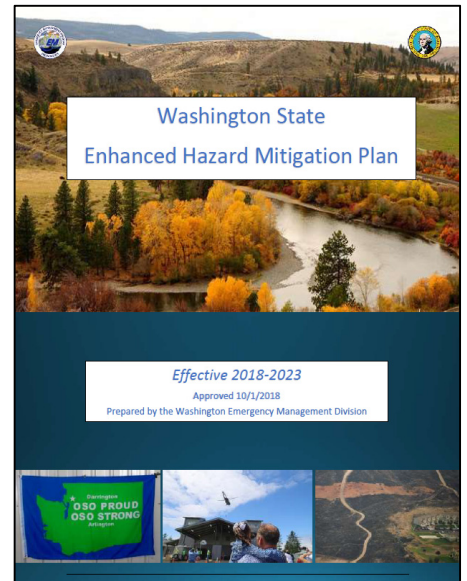
The 2018 Washington State Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan (SEHMP) is now adopted. The update is a full rewrite of the 2013 plan and introduces a robust new mitigation strategy format capturing the state’s broad commitment to risk reduction from across many agencies. Also new is a risk index that begins to capture more of the complex picture that defines exposure and vulnerability. Over 15 state agencies actively supported the update as members of the Natural Hazards Workgroup, and many more agencies, local jurisdictions, and tribes were engaged throughout the planning process.

The plan profiles hazards, identifies risks and vulnerabilities, and proposes strategies and actions to reduce risks to people and property, the economy, the environment, infrastructure and first responders. It tracks progress in achieving mitigation goals through state and local programs and strategies, and communicates that progress among agency partners and elected leadership.

Ask the Help Desk

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.



The goal of this plan update was to broaden the base of state agencies who recognize their role in hazard mitigation. As Washington focuses on more multi-benefit projects, statewide resilience initiatives, and on building coalitions to implement mitigation strategies, having multiple sectors represented at the natural hazards table is more important than ever.

In future years, Washington Emergency Management Division will complete and publish an annual resilience report on the status of mitigation strategies to demonstrate clearly Washington’s investments to reduce risks to people and property, the economy, and the environment.

Full text of the plan is available online in two volumes: <https://www.mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/enhanced-hazard-mitigation-plan>.

Please contact Derrick Hiebert, State Hazard Mitigation Strategist, with any questions at 253-370-5432 or derrick.hiebert@mil.wa.gov.



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018

PREPARE NOW

LEARN HOW

NFIP Releases Nationwide PEIS

FEMA completed a Nationwide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) evaluating proposed modifications to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and potential impacts to the natural and human environment associated with the NFIP at a programmatic level. The PEIS includes an evaluation of impacts of alternative proposals to modify the NFIP. On May 25, 2018, FEMA published a Record of Decision documenting the intent to proceed with the preferred alternative to implement NFIP modifications including:

- Phase out pre-FIRM subsidies.
- Implement a monthly installment plan payment option for non-escrowed flood insurance policies.
- Clarify that communities must obtain & maintain documentation of compliance with the appropriate Federal or State laws (including the ESA) as a condition of issuing floodplain development permits.
- Clarify that certain Letters of Map Change are contingent on documentation of compliance with the ESA.

The preferred alternative meets FEMA's purpose and need, causes no adverse environmental impact, and meets FEMA's desired timeframe for action.

The PEIS is available online here: <https://www.fema.gov/programmatic-environmental-impact-statement>

Featured Trainings

Developing and Implementing Successful Flood Mitigation Projects
Webinar - October 2, 10 am - 12 pm

Reducing flood risk through hazard mitigation projects is a priority for communities, states, and FEMA. Please join Washington State Emergency Management (EMD), Washington State Department of Ecology, and Pierce County Surface Water Management (SWM) to learn how to identify, develop, fund, and implement successful flood hazard mitigation projects. Short presentations by funding agencies will precede a live panel discussion including state and local flood hazard mitigation experts. Time will be provided for questions and discussion.

Panelists

- Randy Brake & Helmut Schmidt, Pierce County SWM
- Dave Radabaugh, Washington State Department of Ecology
- Tim Cook & Derrick Hiebert (Moderator), Washington EMD

To participate, please register in advance via the link below: <https://bit.ly/2QklQxx>.

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L278 – Community Rating System

October 15-18
Everett, WA

Hosted by FEMA Region 10, this course covers the Community Rating System (CRS), a nationwide initiative of the NFIP. It describes activities eligible for credit under the 2017 CRS Coordinator's Manual, how a community applies, and how a community modifies an application to improve its classification.

This course is intended for students who are either a Certified Floodplain Manager, have completed the FEMA E/L273 course, or are a full-time floodplain manager with at least 2 years of experience. The course material will be difficult to follow for participants not well-versed in basic concepts of floodplain management.

Tuition is free for those accepted; there are no travel or salary stipends available for this offering. To apply, please use the following application form: [FEMA Form 119-25-1 Application](#). State and local community attendees must submit the application through their state training officer. Federal and tribal attendees, submit the application (first approved by your supervisor) directly to the course coordinator.

For more information, contact the course coordinator, Roxanne.Reale-Pilkenton@fema.dhs.gov.

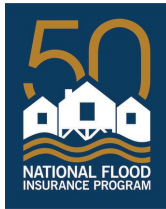
Newsletter Ideas?

Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures. Email RXNewsletter@starr-team.com.

NFIP 50th Anniversary

<https://www.fema.gov/nfip50>

August 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, creating the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Since then, the program has aimed to reduce the impact of flooding on private and public structures by providing affordable insurance to property owners, renters and businesses, as well as by encouraging communities to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations.



Wherever it rains, it can flood. The NFIP protects Americans against the financial losses from floods. For the safety of our communities, together we can ensure that the NFIP is viable for the next 50 years.

Washington Silver Jackets Climate Resilience Project

The Washington Silver Jackets team – a group of floodplain and flood risk managers at the state and federal levels – is working on a project to improve the incorporation of climate data into flood risk management plans, policies, and projects. We are halfway through a 6-part webinar series specifically designed for local floodplain managers involved in community flood risk management, climate adaptation, and resilience planning. Part IV of the series is scheduled for September 13th at 11:00 am. To get on the webinar invite list, contact Travis Ball at travis.d.ball@usace.army.mil or 206-764-3277.

September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to remember that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year. This year’s focus is on planning, with an overarching theme: **Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.**

The National Preparedness Month website has posted many tips and ideas online to promote preparedness, as well as a myriad of videos, links and social media content that you can use to engage your communities in being prepared for emergency situations.

For more information, please visit www.ready.gov/september.



Job Openings in the Region

Position	Link	Location	Closing Date
FEMA Region 10 Mitigation Planning Program Manager (GS-13)	https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/509310600	Bothell, WA	October 2, 2018, 11:59PM Eastern

We’re Hiring! Join the RSC10 Team!

SNC-Lavalin’s Atkins business (part of the STARR II Team) is hiring a Planner for the Region 10 Service Center in Lynnwood, Washington. Join the team of experts dedicated to serving the needs of FEMA Region 10 and their state and local community partners. Go to <https://careers.atkinsglobal.com/job/fema-planner-jobid-na-002542> for details.

Online Training

(All times Pacific)

Floodplain Development Permit Review

September 13, 9 am
Online – 1 CEC

Inspecting Floodplain Development

September 13, 10:30 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

September 18, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Repetitive Loss Properties

September 19, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Preparing for a Verification Visit

October 16, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Developing a CRS Program for Public Information (PPI)

October 17, 10 am
Online – 1 CEC

To register for online courses, visit STARR’s training site online at j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.