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News from Region 10



Figure 1: FEMA administrator Pete Gaynor surveys a fire-damaged area in Talent, Oregon (Oct. 4, 2020).

FEMA Announces 90/10 Cost Share Adjustment

March 18th, 2022

FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell announced on March 18th, 2022, that additional disaster funding is available to all states, tribal nations and territories with Presidential major disaster and emergency declarations occurring in 2020 and 2021.

On March 15, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. signed “[H.R. 2471, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022](#)” into law, which granted a minimum 90% federal cost share for any emergency or major disaster declaration occurring or having an incident period beginning between Jan. 1, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2021.

Specifically, the enacted law authorizes an increase to the standard 75% federal cost share to at least 90% for Public Assistance, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and specified Individual Assistance programs authorized under emergency and major disaster declarations.

The assistance authorized as part of H.R. 2471 is in addition to the [President’s announcement on March 1, 2022](#), which extended the full federal cost share to 100% to support all eligible work under COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations through July 1, 2022.

From January 2020 through December 2021, FEMA responded to disasters that have impacted millions of Americans.

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FEMA 90/10 Cost Share (Cont'd)

This additional assistance will help communities across the country recover and build a stronger, more resilient nation.

For more information on this announcement and other updates, please visit: www.fema.gov.

R10 Risk Analysis Branch Introduces New Acting Branch Chief: Wendy Shaw

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The FEMA Region 10 Risk Analysis Branch is pleased to introduce Wendy Shaw as the Acting Branch Chief, beginning April 10th, 2022. This update follows the announcement of John Schelling's transition from Branch Chief to Deputy Division Director



for the Region's Mitigation Division.

Wendy Shaw, one of Region 10's Risk Analysis Branch engineers, will be serving in this role while the recruitment for a permanent replacement takes place. Shaw joined FEMA in 2018, with prior experience serving as a hydraulic engineer, District Floodplain Manager, Levee Safety Program Manager, and Silver Jackets Co-Coordinator for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

For more information on this transition and recruitment process, please reach out to [Kristen Meyers](mailto:Kristen.Meyers).

Job Opportunity: FEMA Water Resources Planner or Scientist

FEMA Region 10 Service Center

Atkins (part of the STARR II JV) is seeking a Planner or Scientist to join the Water Resources team out of the FEMA Region 10 Service Center.

Major responsibilities for this role will include applying knowledge of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Risk MAP, and the Community Rating System (CRS) Program by providing communications and technical support to clients and community stakeholders for FEMA Regional offices and state/community clients.

Candidates must have a thorough understanding of floodplain management, hazard mitigation, and risk communication principles.

Job duties for this role will include supporting the training and outreach lead, providing NFIP-related technical assistance, performing ordinance reviews, technical writing, and document editing and publication.

To learn more about this position and its requirements, or to apply for this role, view [this job listing](#).



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.

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.

Online Training

(All times Pacific)

CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

April 19, 10 am

Online - 1 CEC

CRS & Floodplain Species Assessment

April 20, 10 am

Online - 1 CEC

CRS: Developing a PPI & Insurance Coverage Plan

May 10, 10 am

Online - 1 CEC

CRS: Watershed Master Planning (Activity 450)

May 11, 10 am

Online - 1 CEC

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