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News from Region 10



FEMA Welcomes New Youth Preparedness Council Members

FEMA Region 10 is pleased to announce the selections for the 2021-2022 Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). These thirteen members were selected from across the region based on their interest, preparedness experience, and motivation to serve their communities. Their biographies and more details can be found on the FEMA Region 10 [Youth Preparedness Council](#) website.

The YPC supports FEMA's commitment to build a culture of preparedness in the United States and provides an avenue to engage young people by considering their perspectives, feedback, and opinions. Council members meet with FEMA staff throughout the year to create sustainable and impactful preparedness projects. In the past, YPC members have spoken at emergency management conferences, created targeted social media content for teens, and hosted

workshops to teach basic disaster medical operations.

Neha, a second-year member and new Co-Chair, hopes to find new and improved ways to provide opportunities for teens to learn about preparedness:

"Disaster preparedness is something people can overlook, especially the role teens can play in being prepared. We hope to change that."

Each year, teens are selected to serve on the Regional Council from the national application process. The council is comprised of students from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The next application cycle will open in early 2022. Students in eighth through twelfth grade may apply online to the National Council and can [find more information here](#). Note that Region 10 will consider applicants in eighth through eleventh grade for the two-term council.

For more information or to view Council member biographies, visit the [Youth Preparedness website](#).

New NFIP Endangered Species Act (ESA) Integration Training Video Series

FEMA Region 10 | Virtual Training, Puget Sound Communities

A new series of training videos on the integration of Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance strategies into the floodplain management programs of Puget Sound communities is now available on FEMA's YouTube channel. These six videos comprise a half-day training provided earlier this year by the NFIP/ESA Integration Team at FEMA Region 10 and provide information on the 2008 Biological Opinion on the implementation of the NFIP in Puget Sound, the additional habitat impact assessments that are required as part of floodplain development permit applications in those communities, and recommendations for the development of community compliance strategies to meet these additional standards.

[Module 1](#) | [Module 2](#) | [Module 3](#)
[Module 4](#) | [Module 5](#) | [Module 6](#)

[Full Playlist \(YouTube\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Bryr Harris](#) or [Erin Cooper](#) with FEMA Region 10.

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.

Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Hazards 101

FEMA Region 10 | Virtual Training

This training will be hosted by NOAA's Office for Coastal Management and will be a starting point in preparing coastal floodplain managers and planners to plan and implement green/natural infrastructure projects to reduce coastal hazards in their communities. The training will consist of two parts:

[Part 1: Self-Guided Online Module \(1 hour\)](#)

- Covers foundational concepts prior to attending a virtual webinar.
- Follow link above to access this module or visit the NOAA Digital Coast to access the module, *Nature Based Solutions for Coastal Hazards: The Basics*.

[Part 2: 101 Virtual Training \(2 hours\)](#)

- A training webinar where participants interact with their peers and experts to learn more about green infrastructure implementation and overcoming challenges.

After completing the course, participants will be able to describe the green infrastructure practices that can reduce hazard impacts and build resilience in their community. Participants will connect with experts and colleagues who can provide additional information and guidance on implementing green infrastructure and learn about resources and future opportunities for learning.

When: Virtual webinar on November 9, 2021 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM (Pacific)

For questions, please contact [John Rozum](#) with NOAA.

Finding Base Flood Elevations for Floodplain Management

FEMA Region 10 | Virtual Training

Finding base flood elevations (BFEs) in riverine floodplains is a core part of floodplain managers' duties. Correct BFEs are crucial for homes and buildings to be built in floodplains safely. The training will give floodplain administrators, surveyors, and other professionals the opportunity to learn and refresh on how to properly obtain BFEs using the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study Profiles. This training will be a regular series offered by FEMA Region 10 staff and will be limited to 40 people each offering.

The first few sessions can be found at the links below and look to the NORFMA Calendar for registration links for future sessions.

[Tuesday, Oct. 12: 10:00 am \(PST\)](#)

[Tuesday, Oct. 26: 10:00 am \(PST\)](#)

[Tuesday, Nov. 23: 10:00 am \(PST\)](#)

[Tuesday, Dec. 14: 10:00 am \(PST\)](#)

Contact [Mitch Paine](#) with FEMA Region 10 if you have any questions.

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.

Training Opportunity: L-273 in Idaho

Twin Falls, Idaho | November 15th-18th

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is offering FEMA’s L-273 training course: Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP.

This course is designed to provide an organized training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinances. The course will focus on the NFIP, the concepts of sound floodplain management, Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

This course will be offered in Twin Falls, Idaho from November 15-18, followed by a CFM Exam testing opportunity on November 19.

For more information, or to register for this training, please contact Idaho’s State NFIP Coordinator.

NFIP CRS Next Comment Period Extended to Oct. 22

Due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Ida and other recent disasters, FEMA is extending the open comment period for the Community Rating System (CRS) [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) in the Federal Register to October 22, 2021.

FEMA is seeking public feedback on a set of exploratory questions to inform improvements to the CRS. There are questions regarding the current program’s strengths and challenges and questions relating to:

- future conditions and risks,
- incentivizing communities to be more resilient,
- leveraging data and technology,
- approaches to support increased participation
- collaboration and integration with other entities or programs, and
- barriers or equity issues that create

challenges for communities.

In the past, FEMA has heard from stakeholders about how highly-valued the CRS program is and that there are opportunities for continuous improvement. One reason FEMA is seeking input from the public now is to ensure the CRS program continues to meet the needs of all stakeholders, including those in underserved communities.

You can share your insights and perspectives by visiting the Federal [eRulemaking Portal](#), using Docket ID: FEMA-2021-0021. Please follow the instructions on the page and contact the Regulations.gov Help Desk if you have technical issues. For additional information on the request for information, visit [FEMA.gov](#).



Online Training

(All times Pacific)

CRS: Introduction to the CRS

October 12, 10:00 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Floodplain Management Planning (Activity 510)

October 13, 10:00 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: CRS & Substantial Damage Properties Management Plans

November 16, 10:00 am
Online – 1 CEC

CRS: Watershed Master Planning

November 17, 10:00 am
Online – 1 CEC

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