Chapter & State Alert: Elimination of PDM and Further Cuts to Flood Mapping in FEMA FY13 Budget

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TO: Chapter Contacts, State Floodplain Managers, and State Hazard Mitigation Officers
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The President's proposed FY2013 budget eliminates the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program and makes additional cuts to the flood mapping program from last year. ASFPM provided Outside Witness Testimony to the Subcommittee on Homeland Security, House Committee on Appropriations regarding the FY13 Budget. Our Testimony expressed deep concern about eliminating PDM and the additional mapping cuts in FY13, commented on the new proposed National Preparedness Grant Program (NPGP), and supported streamlining and funding increases to flood mitigation grant programs under the NFIP. ASFPM's Outside Witness Testimony can be viewed on the ASFPM website. Additionally, ASFPM's Statement on the Draft FY13 Budget can also be viewed on the ASFPM website.

Earlier this month, the State of Colorado's Office of Emergency Management sent notification about the elimination of PDM funding to their communities and
to the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers (CASFM), our Colorado Chapter. The City of Fort Collins and CASFM both sent letters to their Congressional Representatives urging them to continue PDM funding. Their letters can be viewed here:

City of Fort Collins, CO Letter
Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers (CASFM)'s Letter