District 5 encompasses FEMA Regions 9 and 10 that comprise the following states: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

State Chapters in District 5: Arizona; California, Hawaii, and Nevada (combined)
State Associations in District 5: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington (combined)

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Arizona
Arizona Floodplain Management Association (AFMA)
http://www.azfma.org/

Arizona did not experience a federally declared flood disaster this past year. But that does not mean that flooding did not occur or that AFMA has been inactive.

AFMA holds two general meetings and publishes two newsletters a year. The next meeting will be held over a three day time frame, May 6-8, in beautiful Sierra Vista. Sam Riley-Medlock and I will both be representing ASFPM at the meeting.
Within the FMA area only Hawaii experienced a federally declared flood disaster this past year, DR-1814. But both California and Nevada experienced a number of flood events. One of these events is pictured in the photos below. Rains from summer thunder cells on a large burn area from the previous year caused extensive damage in the Inyo County seat of Independence.

(Above, 2008 Inyo County, CA, Alluvial Fan Mud and Debris Flow)

FMA conducts an annual conference that was held from September 2-5, 2008 entitled Floodplain Sustainability: Integrating Flood Risk, Land Use and Environmental Stewardship. There were several ASFPM board members attending or participating in the conference. Larry, Alisa, and I moderated, spoke, or were involved in various working groups.

FMA recently added the ASFPM Chapter 5 Director as an ex-officio member of the FMA Board of Directors. Currently I am on the Conference Agenda Committee, moderating two panels, and speaking during one session at the conference that will be held in San Jose from September 8-11. The conference this year is entitled Investing in Floodplains for Future Generations: Innovation in Land Use Strategies, Green Infrastructure, Technology, and Community-Based Partnerships.

FMA continues to offer workshops and seminars throughout the year in addition to a monthly lunch meeting with a speaker in Sacramento. The DWR economist and I will be presenting at the lunch meeting in May on HAZUS Flood. The state of Nevada sponsored two DFIRM 101 classes during 2009 that FMA supported by getting the word out.

**ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES**

**Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon**
Northwest Floodplain Management Association (NorFMA)
http://www.norfma.org/Home_Page.html

Flood activity has greatly impacted the Pacific Northwest and Alaska this past year. Starting with a federally declared flood disaster in Idaho (DR-1781), and followed by one in Alaska (DR-1796). This year Washington had two federally declared flood disasters (DRs-1817, and 1825). Oregon also was in on the action with a federally declared flood disaster (DR-1824).

NorFMA held a conference from November 18 and 19, 2008 at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, Washington entitled: New Developments in Floodplain Management. Debi Heiden continues to be the Chair of NorFMA. Debi is to be commended for her efforts and working with Bob in putting the conference together on a very short notice.

Bob Freitag was involved in two roundtables and conducted a survey for the states in Region X. Efforts continue to bring NorFMA into ASFPM or to have states organize separate chapters. This was the subject of the survey that was shared with the ASFPM Board leadership. At this point most of those surveyed desire some form of structured affiliation with ASFPM