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ASFPM Region 8 Status Report



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Region 8 Priorities

Mapping:

- Risk MAP should be fully funded. Transferring to NFIP policyholders is not a reasonable option.
 - Preventative risk management is more cost-effective than reactionary disaster assistance.
- All states in Region 8 need funding for LiDAR and continued funding for data maintenance.
 - This is especially necessary in and near federal lands, where state and federal collaboration is routine and necessary.
 - All Region 8 states should benefit from similar funding opportunities as Colorado, South Dakota and North Dakota.
- Rapid development is occurring, especially in natural resource-rich areas (oil, gas and coal), and in renewable energy development areas for wind and solar.
 - Would like mapping to stay ahead of development. This means mapping currently undeveloped areas that are largely rural.
 - Enforcement in rural areas is difficult. Communities lack the resources, and the program incentives aren't strong enough to drive conscious local flood-risk management programs.
- Risk MAP enhanced products do not meet states' needs.
 - Get rid of Zone C and Zone D designations = priority.
 - Detail in approximate A Zones is needed (model backed). Enhanced products are less critical.
 - FEMA should initiate an effort to eliminate all Approximate Zone A areas. Rapid developments in modeling and technology make this an achievable goal within a decade.
 - Promoting 2D modeling for national acceptance for NFIP mapping.
- Flood hazard map update funding is still needed for Region 8 states.
 - Region 8 is mostly rural and all non-coastal.
 - Major disadvantage for acquiring funding.
 - Support is needed for rural communities, and NFIP coordinators and SHMOs tend not to have adequate funding to assist with training and individual visits to each community participating in the NFIP in their jurisdiction.

Community Assistance:

- Federal support in enforcement activity.
 - Enacting 1316 provisions.
 - Clarification on disaster assistance and insurance provided to properties and communities with compliance issues.
- Floods after fires.
 - Additional outreach tools for impacted communities.
 - Funding or resources for inundation maps after a fire.
- CAP-SSSE Grant Areas of concern
 - Additional funding needed for states.
 - Clarification on the process to quantify importance of CAP program.
 - Continue work on grant cycle and funding opportunity.

ASFPM Annual National Conference:

- A western states' issues track should be offered at all ASFPM annual conferences to discuss issues unique to the western 1/3 of the U.S., including:
 - Alluvial fan flooding, including depth and velocity issues in AO Zones.
 - Wildfire and flash flood cycle mitigation and response.
 - State control or influence on federal public lands.
 - Energy development and expansion.
- Will allow Regions 8, 9 and 10 to share resources, solutions and issues specific to intermountain areas, semi and arid regions, and western coastal issues unique to the western 1/3 of the U.S.

CRS Coordinator's Manual Updates:

- There will be no major changes in the new manual. Instead there are multiple improvements, clarifications and some corrections. Communities do not need to change their preparation for the next verification visit.
- There are 92 CRS communities in Region 8 as of May 21, 2018.
- CRS classifications for the May 21, 2018 effective will show the following impacts to classifications within Region 8:
 - Two communities will experience class improvements.
 - Three communities will have no change in classification.
 - Six new communities will be enrolled in CRS.
- The CASFM CRS Committee continues to be active.

- The CRSTF considered the recommendations and responded in a letter to CASFM. A number of suggestions were already being discussed for the 2017 Coordinator's Manual, while other suggestions will be considered in the development of the 2020 *Coordinator's Manual*.
- ISO staff is available to assist communities with needs, questions, concerns or to help generate ideas to enter the CRS, improve scores or refine programs. Points of contact are Kerry Redente, ISO/CRS specialist for ISO at kredente@iso.com and Constance Lake, ISO/CRS specialist for ISO at clake@iso.com.

Recommended Actions

Based on input from the NFIP coordinators within the region and various other floodplain management professionals, the following goals and recommendations are made for the next year:

- Continue to promote full federal funding of Risk MAP;
- Continue to promote LiDAR acquisition for all states;
- Continue to promote funding for mitigation grants; and
- Promoting additional federal funding source for NFIP/CAP-SSSE.