

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID FEMA-2015-0001; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1547]

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

**DATES:** Comments are to be submitted on or before April 18, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables

below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1547, to Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (email) [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (email) [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov); or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at [www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx\\_main.html](http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any

request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at [http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_fact_sheet.pdf).

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: January 5, 2016.

**Roy E. Wright,**

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I. Watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
<b>James Headwaters Watershed</b>	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata">http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata</a>	
<b>Eddy County, North Dakota, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
City of New Rockford .....	City Hall, 117 First Street South, New Rockford, ND 58356.
Unincorporated Areas of Eddy County .....	Eddy County Courthouse, 524 Central Avenue, New Rockford, ND 58356.

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Foster County, North Dakota, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
Unincorporated Areas of Foster County .....	Foster County Courthouse, 1000 Fifth Street North, Carrington, ND 58421.
<b>Stutsman County, North Dakota, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
City of Jamestown .....	City Hall, 102 Third Avenue Southeast, Jamestown, ND 58401.
Unincorporated Areas of Stutsman County .....	Stutsman County Courthouse, 511 Second Avenue Southeast, Jamestown, ND 58401.

## II. Non-watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Chaffee County, Colorado, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata">http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata</a>	
<b>Project: 10-08-1058S Preliminary Date: May 14, 2015</b>	
City of Salida .....	City Hall, 448 East First Street, Suite 112, Salida, CO 81201.
Town of Buena Vista .....	Town Hall, 210 East Main Street, Buena Vista, CO 81211.
Town of Poncha Springs .....	Town Hall, 330 Burnett Avenue, Poncha Springs, CO 81242.
Unincorporated Areas of Chaffee County .....	Chaffee County Courthouse, 104 Crestone Avenue, Salida, CO 81201.
<b>Pitkin County, Colorado, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata">http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata</a>	
<b>Project: 10-08-1059S Preliminary Date: June 11, 2015</b>	
City of Aspen .....	City Hall, 130 South Galena Street, Aspen, CO 81611.
Town of Basalt .....	Town Hall, 101 Midland Avenue, Basalt, CO 81621.
Town of Snowmass Village .....	Town Hall, 130 Kearns Road, Snowmass Village, CO 81615.
Unincorporated Areas of Pitkin County .....	Pitkin County Courthouse Plaza, 530 East Main Street, Third Floor, Aspen, CO 81611.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

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**Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists communities where the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations), as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports,

prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for each community, is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. The FIRM, and where applicable, portions of the FIS report, have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR part 65). The LOMR will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings. For rating purposes, the currently effective community number is shown in the table below and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

**DATES:** These flood hazard determinations will become effective on the dates listed in the table below and revise the FIRM panels and FIS report in effect prior to this determination for the listed communities.

From the date of the second publication of notification of these changes in a newspaper of local

circulation, any person has 90 days in which to request through the community that the Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation reconsider the changes. The flood hazard determination information may be changed during the 90-day period.

**ADDRESSES:** The affected communities are listed in the table below. Revised flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at both the online location and the respective community map repository address listed in the table below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) for comparison.

Submit comments and/or appeals to the Chief Executive Officer of the community as listed in the table below.

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