



Leana Kinley <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us>

Risk MAP Project Quarterly Report for Skamania County, WA

1 message

RSCX <RXProjectUpdates@starr-team.com>

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 12:57 PM

To: Leana Kinley - City Administrator - City of Stevenson <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us>

Greetings,

My name is Jonathan Johnson, and I am part of the Skamania County Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) Project Team, working with the Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR II), a contractor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This email is being sent to you as a status update for work completed on this project as of July 24, 2023. Detailed status updates like this are sent quarterly and include the overall project status, changes to the scope or schedule of the project, and a detailed overview of the individual technical tasks associated with the project. *To ensure these status updates are sent directly to your inbox, please add the email domain "@starr-team.com" to your approved senders list.*

Project History

The State of Washington identified Skamania County as a priority for FEMA's Risk MAP program. The State determines its priorities based on population at risk to hazards, recent events, and community interest. FEMA, State, and Local stakeholders participated in a Risk MAP Discovery Meeting and a Scoping Meeting, where community concerns were identified. These concerns were captured in the Risk MAP Discovery Report and delivered to the communities in the watershed. After the Discovery and Scoping Meetings, community concerns were researched and analyzed, in order to develop a scope of work that includes multi-hazard risk assessment products and updates to the communities' regulatory flood maps based on community-identified resilience needs.

Project Milestones and Deliverables

Meeting/Deliverable	Point of Contact	Actual/Projected Date
Risk MAP Discovery Meeting	Ted Perkins	July 20, 2015
Scoping Meeting	Ted Perkins	August 30, 2017
Flood Study Kick-Off Meeting	Jonathan Johnson	March 5, 2019
Draft Map Release	Jonathan Johnson	May 20, 2020
Flood Risk Review (FRR) Meeting	Jonathan Johnson	July 1, 2020
Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Jonathan Johnson	April 30, 2021
Community Coordination (CCO) Meeting	Ted Perkins	June 17, 2021
Online StoryMap	Marshall Rivers/ Jerry Franklin	October 18, 2021
Revised Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Jonathan Johnson	October 26, 2021
Skamania County Board of Commissioners Meeting	Ted Perkins	January 25, 2022
Appeal Period Starts	Jonathan Johnson	April 20, 2022
Appeal Period Ends	Jonathan Johnson	July 18, 2022
Revised Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Jonathan Johnson	May 31, 2023
Letter of Final Determination	Jonathan Johnson	November 2023*
Maps and FIS become Effective	Ted Perkins	May 2024*

*All projected dates are subject to revision as the project progresses.

Recent Activity

The revised preliminary map products to address the comment resolutions on Wind River and Lewis River were issued on May 31, 2023. Since the revised preliminary is based on comment resolution, an additional appeal period is not required.

Next Steps

FEMA will issue a Letter of Final Determination (LFD). An LFD is a letter FEMA sends to the Chief Executive Officer of a community initiating the six-month compliance period, stating that a new or updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) will become effective in six months. This compliance period allows time for a participating community to update its local floodplain management ordinance as necessary in order to remain participants in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Ordinance Updates are Required

Each time FEMA provides a community with new or revised flood hazard data, the community must adopt the new or revised FIS and associated FIRMs (by title and effective date) and assure the community's regulations are compliant with the NFIP and applicable state regulations. In some cases, communities may have to adopt additional floodplain management requirements if a new type of flood hazard data is provided, such as a new flood zone (e.g., going from a Zone A without Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) to a Zone AE with BFEs or adding a Zone VE – the coastal high hazard area), or with the addition of a regulatory floodway designation.

A community must adopt the new FIS report and FIRM and assure their floodplain regulations are compliant and effective with the NFIP and applicable state regulations before the effective date of the FIS report and FIRM, which is identified in the LFD. A community which fails to do so will be suspended from the NFIP. Communities are encouraged to update and adopt the appropriate floodplain management regulations as soon as possible to avoid suspension; and may begin their ordinance update and adoption process before the LFD is issued. The adopted regulations with authorized signatures must be submitted to FEMA or the State and be approved by FEMA before the FIRM/FIS effective date. Communities are encouraged to submit draft regulations for review to the State NFIP Coordinator and/or FEMA for review prior to community adoption to assure compliance. To assist you with ordinance updates, model floodplain development regulatory language has been developed by the Washington Department of Ecology: [Planning & regulation - Washington State Department of Ecology](#).

Note that if a community currently has ordinances that are compliant with the NFIP and associated state regulations and has an auto-adopt clause for new and updated FISs and FIRMs, the revisions from this mapping update will be adopted automatically. In this case, completing ordinance updates may no longer be required to remain compliant. Please confirm with the state and FEMA points of contact listed below.

Contact your State Floodplain Management Specialist Matt Gerlach at matt.gerlach@ecy.wa.gov and a FEMA Regional NFIP Specialist at FEMA-R10-MIT-FMI@fema.dhs.gov for assistance on the specific requirements your community will need to adopt.

For additional information on this project, please refer to the following links:

- **FEMA GeoPlatform:**
 - **Flood Study Lifecycle:** The **Flood Study Lifecycle** displaying the project history through preliminary mapping is available here: [Skamania County, Washington - Flood Study Lifecycle - Overview \(arcgis.com\)](#)
 - **Preliminary Viewer:** A **Preliminary Viewer** displaying preliminary mapping is available here: [Skamania County, Washington - Preliminary Flood Hazard Areas Viewer \(as of 2023.05.31\) \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- **Project Deliverables (Risk MAP contacts and project area scope map)**:**
<https://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionX/skamaniacounty/SitePages/Home.aspx>

***NOTE: If you have trouble downloading or are prompted for credentials when clicking the file name on the website, cancel the prompt and instead right-click the file name and choose "Save As" or "Save Target As".*

General Information

If you have questions about this Risk MAP project, please contact the State Risk MAP Coordinator, Jerry Franklin, jerry.franklin@ecy.wa.gov, (360) 407-7470.

The STARR II Region 10 Help Desk is another resource available to answer project-related questions. STARR II staff will route and research your question and respond within three business days. Submit your questions via email, the address is RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

If you want to keep up with what's happening around Region 10, get project status updates, or learn about upcoming events and training opportunities, subscribe to the Region 10 monthly newsletter. For more information or to subscribe, email rxnewsletter@starr-team.com.

Current and past issues of the newsletter, project status updates, announcements, upcoming events, and training opportunities are also available online at the STARR II website, www.starr-team.com.

I hope you found this status update email helpful. If you would like to be removed from the distribution list, or if you feel there is someone that should be added to the list, please reply to this email. If you have any questions, or if there is information that you would like to see in future updates, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Johnson, PMP, CFM

Project Manager

STARR II – Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction

Direct +1 (720) 475 7132

Email: jonathan.johnson@atkinsglobal.com

This message was sent by RSCX to the following:

Adrienne Grimm - Hydrologist - Yakama Nation Fisheries
Amanda Richardson - Washington State NFIP Coordinator - Washington Department of Ecology
Amelia Petersen - Floodplain Planner - Washington Department of Ecology
Anil Nampally - Project Engineer - STARR II
Arnold Bell - Assistant Building Official - Skamania County
Asa Leckie - Commissioner, District 3 - Skamania County
Ashlie Chandler - Tribal Affairs - FEMA Region X
Ben Shumaker - Planner - City of Stevenson
Bobbak Talebi - SEA Coastal Program Planner - Washington Department of Ecology
Brian Sabo - Mayor - City of North Bonneville
Carmen Burducea - Region 10 Task Order Manager - STARR II
Carolyn Sourek - Public Works Director - City of Stevenson
CERC Region 10 - Resilience Action Partners
Christina Hasting - Risk and Financial Advisory - Deloitte
Corina Allen - Chief Hazards Geologist - Washington Department of Natural Resources
Dale Meck - Regional Engineer - FEMA Region X RAB
Danyal Shahroz - Region 10 RPML - Deloitte
Dave Nail - Building Inspector - City of Stevenson
David Waymire - Public Works Director - Skamania County
Erin Cooper - Supervisory Community Planner - FEMA Region X RAB
FEMA Region X FMI
Ferrin Affleck - Deputy Region 10 Director - STARR II
Greyson Rudd - GIS - Skamania County
Jeanette Burkhardt - Watershed Planner - Yakama Nation Fisheries
Jerry Franklin - Washington State Risk MAP Coordinator - Washington Department of Ecology
John Carlson - Emergency Management Coordinator - Skamania County
Jonathan Johnson - Project Manager - STARR II
Joseph Green - Community Planner - FEMA Region X RAB
Kara Jacobacci - Risk Analyst - FEMA Region X RAB
Kate Mickelson - Landslide Hazards Program Manager - Washington Department of Natural Resources
Leana Kinley - City Administrator - City of Stevenson
Marlon Morat - Building Official - Skamania County
Marshall Rivers - Risk Analyst - FEMA Region X RAB
Matt Gerlach - Floodplain Management Planner, SW Washington - Washington Department of Ecology
Michelle Blankas - Community Planner - FEMA Region X RAB
Michelle McConnell - Shoreline Planner - Washington Department of Ecology
Miranda Adams - Shoreline Permit Reviewer - Washington Department of Ecology
Paul Sclafani - Floodplain Management Program Manager - USACE, Portland District
Peter Chaput - Section Chief, River and Hydrologic Engineering Section - USACE, Portland District
Ray Cakir - Geologist - Washington Department of Natural Resources

Region X Service Center - STARR II

Richard Mahar - Commissioner, District 1 - Skamania County

Rick Hollatz - GIS Coordinator - Skamania County

Rick Mraz - Wetland Policy Lead - Washington Department of Ecology

Rynn Lamb - Risk Analyst GIS - FEMA Region X RAB

Sadi' Pettenger - County Engineer - Skamania County

Sandra Floyd - Floodplain Management Planner, Central Washington - Washington Department of Ecology

Scott Anderson - Mayor - City of Stevenson

Scott Ladd - Hydrologist, Water Resources Program - Yakama Nation

Ted Perkins - Regional Engineer - FEMA Region X RAB

Tim Cook - State Hazard Mitigation Officer - Washington Emergency Management Division

Tom Jermann - Planning Advisor - City of North Bonneville

Tom Lannen - Commissioner, District 2 & Board Chair - Skamania County

Trevor Contreras - Landslide Hazards Geologist - Washington Department of Natural Resources

Tribal Affairs - FEMA Region X

Tricia Sears - Geologic Planning Liaison, Washington Geological Survey - Washington Department of Natural Resources

Wendy Shaw - Risk Analysis Branch Chief - FEMA Region X RAB