

# Risk MAP Project Quarterly Report for Skamania County, WA

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# 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 27, 2021. 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.

# **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	Megan Main	September 2021*
Public Meeting/Workshop	Megan Main	TBD
Appeal Period Starts	Jonathan Johnson	TBD
Appeal Period Ends	Jonathan Johnson	TBD
Letter of Final Determination	Jonathan Johnson	TBD
Maps and FIS become Effective	Ted Perkins	TBD

<sup>\*</sup>All projected dates are subject to revision as the project progresses.

#### **Recent Activity**

The Preliminary map products were issued on April 30, 2021. These products can be viewed and downloaded here.

On June 17, 2021, the Community Coordination (CCO) meeting was held virtually via WebEx. The CCO meeting provided an opportunity to review the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS), talk through the regulatory process (appeal period, Letter of Final Determination, etc.), and discuss how your communities would like to do the outreach to the public about these updated maps.

## **Next Steps**

To help inform the community, FEMA and their community engagement contractor, Resilience Action Partners, are working with Skamania County and the Washington State Department of Ecology to develop a virtual StoryMap as an online resource for the public. Via the StoryMap, property owners and community residents will be able to learn about the flood mapping process, what the changes mean for them, and information about the National Flood Insurance Program.

We are starting with this virtual open house format and will evaluate the need and possibility of an in-person public meeting in the future.

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 (2021.04.30) Viewer (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, JFRA461@ecy.wa.gov, (360) 407-7470.

The STARR II Region X 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 X, get project status updates, or learn about upcoming events and training opportunities, subscribe to the Region X 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,

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