



CURRY COUNTY

FLOOD RISK OPEN HOUSE: PRESS RELEASE

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Flood Risk Open House to Highlight Changes to Flood Maps in cities of Brookings, Gold Beach, Port Orford and all of Curry County.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) releases preliminary maps for flood areas in Curry County. FEMA, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, (DLCD) has issued preliminary maps showing revisions to the 100-year floodplain, which has a 1 percent chance of flooding in any year. The revised flood insurance rate maps cover properties in Curry County along Curry County rivers and the Pacific Coastline. These maps will help community officials and local residents identify flood risks and, when adopted, will be used for flood insurance, land use and development decisions.

The draft new FEMA maps will be presented during two open houses on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. These revisions, and what they mean for individual property owners, will provide property owners with the opportunity to ask specific questions as to if or how the revisions in the flood maps will affect their property development potential. The first March 1 workshop will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at the Curry County annex in Gold Beach located at 94235 Moore Street in the lower level blue room. The second workshop will be held 6 to 8 pm in Brookings at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) facility located at 898 Elk Drive. Each Open House will be begin with a FEMA official overview of the recent update of the FEMA maps, followed by an opportunity for property owners to meet with FEMA staff one-on-one to ask questions and received information about their individual property(ies).

At each event, property owners and residents will have a chance to learn about the flood mapping process and what the changes mean for them. Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions about how these maps will impact their property and community.

Curry County and the City of Brookings encourage property owners to examine the preliminary maps, attend one open house on March 1, and ask questions about how revisions could affect them. Preliminary maps can be reviewed by visiting: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch#searchresultsanchor> and search State/County/ Curry All Jurisdictions/Preliminary products/ FIRM panels or FIRM. To see specific changes from the previous maps, visit: <http://arcg.is/2j8pkXa>.

Flooding is the nation's most common and most expensive natural disaster. According to national statistics, homes inside high-risk flood areas have a 26 percent chance of being damaged by flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage, compared with a 9 percent chance of sustaining fire damage.

To learn more about federal flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov.