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Flood Protection

Notice of Flood Risk Map Updates

December 2023 Update

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided the City of Delta with preliminary (draft) copies of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for review. These documents are preliminary, but if eventually adopted, the new FIRMs and FIS will be the primary documents used to identify flood risk, insurance requirements, and applicable development regulations for properties located within the regulatory floodplain in our community, as required to continue the City of Delta's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

FEMA is presently giving our community an opportunity to identify and comment on changes or corrections to *non-technical information*, such as corporate limits, road names, and stream names on the FIRM panels or in the FIS report.

Your input is welcome on this non-technical review of the preliminary FIRMs and FIS. For your convenience, digital copies of materials received from FEMA and online interactive maps are linked below along with information on how to access the preliminary/draft documents via the Map Service Center. Hard copies of the materials can also be viewed at City Hall during business hours (8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday). Printed take-home copies can be provided upon request for a fee.

To submit comments directly to FEMA regarding needed changes to any non-technical information on the materials, contact Christine Gaynes with FEMA Region VIII. Comments for this stage of review are due by **December 21, 2023**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact City staff.

Send Comments to FEMA:
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PO Box 25267
Denver, Colorado 80225-0267

Contact City Staff with Questions:
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comdev@cityofdelta.net
970-874-7909

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360 Main Street
Delta, CO 81416

Links to Additional Information on Map Updates

General Information

- Overview of Current and Preliminary FIRMs (Interactive Online Map) [LINK TO: https://cityofdelta.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=b077175002254e87bd6f6068ac24c9c8]
- Preliminary Issuance Letter from FEMA (November 21, 2023) [PDF DOWNLOAD LINK TO THIS DOCUMENT: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aPFBR1az-iPnmIqDpFdDf1h9wbl7A7ID/view?usp=drive_link]

- Preliminary Summary of Map Actions [PDF DOWNLOAD LINK TO THIS DOCUMENT: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tlUXSz6oHPTo3-qrNxYXNCDp12vT2wxw/view?usp=drive_link]
- Overview of Mapping Changes and Process from Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) [LINK TO: https://coloradohazardmapping.com/story?county=419ccb22-aa70-46e2-9296-ecea65805066]

To access the preliminary/draft FIRM panels and FIS report released for review on November 21, 2023, go to the FEMA Map Service Center and search for your specific property address. Identify the specific FIRM panel number that includes your property (e.g., 08029C0602D). Then select the "Show ALL Products >>" button. Next, click the "Preliminary Products" dropdown menu.

- Search FEMA Map Service Center [LINK TO: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home] (More detailed instructions on how to search the Map Service Center are provided at the bottom of this webpage.)

From there, you can select the Preliminary FIS Report or the Preliminary FIRM Panels. Note that there are two volumes of the FIS, including Volume 1 which covers the Gunnison River and Volume 2 which covers the Uncompahgre River, and that there are 85 FIRM panels for all of Delta County, including those for the City of Delta. The preliminary FIRM panel numbers are the same as the effective, except that they end in "E" instead of "D" (e.g., 08029C0602E). A reference map showing the approximate areas covered by each preliminary FIRM panel is also provided (see Product ID# 08029CIND0B). In general, the City of Delta's FIRM panel numbers correspond to the following areas:

- Panel 0413E – Northwest Delta
- Panel 0414E – Northcentral Delta
- Panel 0418E – Northeast & East Delta
- Panel 0602E – Downtown & South Delta
- Panel 0606E – East & Southeast Delta

To access the current/effective FIRM panels adopted August 19, 2010, go to the FEMA Map Service Center and search for your specific property address. Then view the interactive online map provided or download a snapshot of the interactive map by clicking "Dynamic Map." You can also download the entire FIRM panel by clicking "Map Image."

- Search FEMA Map Service Center [LINK TO: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home] (More detailed instructions on how to search the Map Service Center are provided at the bottom of this webpage.)

Next Steps

Following this non-technical review there will be a 90-day review period during which anyone in the community can submit comments, concerns, or suggested revisions directly to FEMA on the preliminary FIRMs or FIS. The City will send notice of the review period when it begins and will also host a community meeting during the 90 days to help answer questions.

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At this time, if the new FIRMs and FIS are eventually adopted, it is anticipated to be sometime in 2025, following additional community input and revision. This webpage will be updated at various stages of the review process to communicate current status and opportunities for review and comment.

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[STATIC FLOODPLAIN MAP]

Supporting Documents

Floodplain Development Regulations (Chapter 15.56 Flood Damage Prevention) (106 KB) [ADD PDF DOWNLOAD LINK TO REGS: https://cityofdelta.net/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/2601/chap_15.56-flood_damage_prevention.pdf]

Web Links

Know Your Risk [ADD LINK TO: https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/know-your-risk/homeowners]

FEMA Map Service Center [ADD LINK TO: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home]

NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) Program [ADD LINK TO: https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/community-rating-system-overview-and-participation]

Using the FEMA Map Service Center

The FEMA Map Service Center allows anyone to search for and find any Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Insurance Study (FIS), as well as a range of other products such as map revisions (e.g., Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)). The below instructions illustrate some basics of navigating the website. To get started, go to: msc.fema.gov [ADD LINK TO: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home]

Note: If you are a person with a disability, are blind, or have low vision, and need assistance, please contact a map specialist. [ADD LINK TO: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/resources/contact]

Search By Address

Step 1: On the homepage, enter the specific property address and click "Search."

[SCREENSHOT #1]

Step 2: Identify the FIRM panel number and effective date. View the FIRM information one of three ways: via the interactive map provided, by clicking "Dynamic Map" to download a snapshot of the

interactive map, or by clicking "Map Image" to download the entire FIRM panel. (Note: some files are 50 MB or larger and take a few minutes to download.)

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[SCREENSHOT #3]

Search All Products

Step 1: Click "Search All Products" on the homepage.

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Step 2: Select the State, County, and Community from the dropdown menus and click "Search." (Note: The County and Community dropdowns will appear after selecting the State and then the County.)

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Step 3: In the search results, click on one of the menus to view an expanded list of product types.

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Step 4: Click on the desired product type for a detailed list of individual products to view online or download.

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