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Ouray County Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study Available for Review and Comment

Ridgway, CO – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided the Town of Ridgway with preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Ouray County for review and comment by Town officials and members of the public. FEMA prepared the preliminary version of the FIRM using a process that involves capturing flood hazard information in a digital format and plotting map panels using computer technology. In so doing, they have incorporated all non-revised flood hazard information from all current effective FIRMs, Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps as appropriate. FEMA has posted the digital copies of the revised FIRM and FIS report materials to the following website:



www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata/

The review period provides community officials and citizens in the affected communities with an opportunity to identify changes or corrections to non-technical information, such as corporate limits, road names, and stream names on the FIRM or in the FIS report. Comments are due by Friday, March 18, 2022, and may be sent to:

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All comments and changes received during this review period will be incorporated, as appropriate, before the FIRM and FIS report become effective. The community's comments on the preliminary FIRM panels and FIS report are an important part of FEMA's review process, and they will consider them carefully before publishing the FIRM and FIS report in their final form. Once the review period has concluded a formal community coordination meeting will be scheduled so that the Consultation Coordination Officer can present the preliminary FIRMs and FIS report information to community members, answer questions, gather any additional comments, discuss community outreach efforts, and discuss the upcoming appeal period.

If you have any questions regarding the preliminary copies of the FIRM and FIS report, please call (303)235-4830. For general questions about mapping issues, please contact FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange at (877)336-2627 or FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov.

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