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Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps to be presented at public meeting on June 29th

Ridgway, CO – Earlier this year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) 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/

All comments and changes received during this review period were incorporated, as appropriate. The community's comments on the preliminary FIRM panels and FIS report are an important part of FEMA's review process.

Now that the review period has concluded a formal community coordination meeting has been arranged so that the Consultation Coordination Officer can present the preliminary FIRMs and FIS report information to community members, answer questions, gather any additional comments, and discuss the upcoming appeal period. This public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m. It will take place in-person at Ridgway Town Hall, located at 201 N. Railroad St., and virtually on Zoom. The virtual meeting information is below. Town officials and representatives from CWCB, FEMA and the mapping contractor, CDM Smith, will be in attendance.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836665038?pwd=Q2plWk14Y3pKbkdkMVVcbVRxYllkZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3666 5038

Passcode: 827056

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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. For questions about the upcoming public meeting, please email pneill@town.ridgway.co.us.

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