



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Jean Curtiss
Chair, Missoula County
Board of Commissioners
200 West Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 17-08-0473R
Community: Missoula County, MT
Community No.: 300048

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Dear Ms. Curtiss:

This responds to a request that the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) comment on the effects that revised flood hazard information would have on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a report dated February 2017, Mr. Stephen Story, P.E., CFM, of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, requested that FEMA evaluate the effects that a revised hydrologic analysis would have on the flood hazard information shown on the effective FIRM and FIS report.

All data required to complete our review of this request for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) were submitted with letters from Mr. Stephen Story, P.E., CFM, of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

Information pertinent to this revision request is listed below.

Identifier:	Clearwater River Hydrology
Flooding Source:	Clearwater River
FIRM Panels Affected:	30063C0720E, 0740E, and 1030E

We have completed our review of the submitted data and determined that the discharges presented in the report entitled, "Hydrology Design Report, Clearwater River Detailed Floodplain Study" prepared by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, dated February 2017, are reasonable and that the effective discharges should be revised. We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance discharges computed in the submitted hydrologic analysis.

Upon completion of a revised hydraulic analysis utilizing this submitted hydrologic analysis, your community must submit the data listed below and request that we make a final determination on revising the effective FIRM and FIS report. Upon completion of the revised hydraulic analysis, a revision to the FIRM and FIS report would be warranted.

- Detailed application and certification forms must be used for requesting final map revisions. Therefore, when the map revision request for the area covered by this letter is submitted, please include the following forms, which may be accessed at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/1343>.
 - Form 1, entitled “Overview and Concurrence Form”
 - Form 2, entitled “Riverine Hydrology and Hydraulics Form” Hydraulic analyses of the base flood, the 10-percent, 2-percent, and 0.2-percent-annual-chance floods, and the regulatory floodway, must be submitted with Form 2.
- A certified topographic work map showing the revised and effective base floodplain boundaries. Please ensure that the revised information ties-in with the current effective information at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- An annotated copy of the FIRM, at the scale of the effective FIRM, that shows the revised base floodplain boundary delineations shown on the submitted work map and how they tie-in to the base floodplain boundary delineations shown on the current effective FIRM at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- A copy of the public notice distributed by your community, stating its intent to revise the regulatory floodway, or a signed statement by your community that it has notified all affected property owners and affected adjacent jurisdictions.
- Documentation of the individual legal notices sent to property owners who will be affected by any widening or shifting of the base floodplain or any Base Flood Elevation (BFE) increases or establishment along the Clearwater River.

FEMA’s fee schedule for reviewing and processing requests for conditional and final modifications to published flood information and maps may be accessed at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-map-related-fees>. The fee at the time of the map revision submittal must be received before we can begin processing the request. Payment of this fee can be made through a check or money order, made payable in U.S. funds to the National Flood Insurance Program, or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). Please either forward the payment, along with the revision application, to the following address:

LOMC Clearinghouse
 Attention: LOMR Manager
 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500
 Alexandria, VA 22304-6426

or submit the LOMR using the Online LOMC portal at:
<https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/onlinelomc/signin>.

After receiving appropriate documentation to show that the hydraulic analysis for the Clearwater River has been completed, FEMA will initiate a revision to the FIRM and FIS report.

This CLOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development, and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State/Commonwealth law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the Special Flood Hazard Area. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

If you have general questions about your request, FEMA policy, or the NFIP, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). If you have specific questions concerning your request, please contact Mr. David Sutley, either by telephone at (303) 235-4809 or by e-mail at david.sutley@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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