



Notice of Public Meeting

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be holding a joint public information meeting regarding the Preliminary Digital Flood Information Rating Maps (DFIRM) incorporating study areas in a portion of Ashley Creek, an approximate study of the North Fork River above Columbia Falls, and the restudy of portions of Trumble and Spring Creek north of Montana Highway 35. These studies are just one aspect of a larger federally-funded project to generate digital flood hazard information maps for Flathead County. The new floodplain maps generated by these studies are intended to provide reliable and more detailed information to Flathead County in an effort to guide future development in flood-prone areas.

The Preliminary DFIRM maps are available for viewing at <http://www.montanadfirms.com> and Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office located in the Earl Bennett Building, 1035 1st Ave. West, Kalispell.

This Public Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at the Earl Bennett Building, 1035 1st Ave West, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Staff from FEMA and the DNRC Floodplain Program, DNRC's study contractor (PBS&J), Flathead County and the City of Kalispell will be on hand to answer questions, provide an overview of the floodplain management studies, and provide information about the entire countywide digital flood hazard mapping project. *For further information contact Traci Sears-Tull, Flathead County Floodplain Administrator at 751-8200, or Millie Bowman, DNRC Map Modernization Coordinator at 444-6656.*