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A meeting for the public to review the preliminary new flood plain maps for Lewis and Clark County will be held at the East Valley Fire Hall at 2694 Valley Dr. on Tuesday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The flood plain map modernization process will be reviewed and the new maps displayed for public review. These maps show current flood risks and areas of recent growth, and they are the product of a multi-year project to develop modern, detailed, digital flood hazard maps.

Current flood plain maps were published in 1981, 1985 and 2002. The new maps use 2005 air photos of the county as the map base with the addition of new streets and subdivisions to provide updated information on the location of the county's flood plains. As a result, property owners throughout Lewis and Clark County will have reliable Internet-accessible information about their flood risk on a property by property basis.

Officials from Lewis and Clark County, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Geological Survey and PBS&J Engineering, Inc. will be on hand to present the maps and the map adoption process. This is estimated to take up to one year, with a 90 day appeal period that is expected to begin in early December, with the publication of the second legal notice to notify the public of the process.

Mapped flood plains are along Ten Mile, Prickly Pear and Silver Creeks in the Helena Valley, Spokane and Trout Creeks, the Missouri River, the Blackfoot River in Lincoln and Elk Creek in Augusta.

The preliminary maps are available online at www.montanadfirm.com or at the flood plain administrator's office, 221 Breckenridge St. Call 447-8285 to make an appointment to view the maps at that location.

