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**New Preliminary Flood Maps Provide Updated Understanding of County Flood Risks**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is updating the Flood Insurance Rate map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) maps and reports for Inyo County, California, and incorporated areas (City of Bishop). Updated flood maps will help identify the latest flood hazards, flood risks, and provide more accurate data to assist local stakeholders in taking effective mitigation measures to ensure a safer community.

Before the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps become effective, there is a 90-day appeal period from November 19, 2019 to February 17, 2020. During this period, residents, property owners, stakeholders and the County can appeal the flood risk information on the preliminary maps.

Once all appeals have been addressed and resolved, FEMA will issue a Letter of Final Determination to the County. The new maps and reports will become effective in six months from the Letter of Final Determination. The County must pass an ordinance to adopt them for floodplain management use. At this time, any changes in flood insurance due to changes in flood zone will become effective.

**Where Do I Go for More Information?**

For more information about flood insurance, contact your insurance agent or visit [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov)

Digital copies of these revised Flood maps & materials are posted on the FEMA Website:

[http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryflood\\_hazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryflood_hazarddata).

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