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NMFMA Spring 2012 Workshop

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"Innovative Processes and Projects Benefitting

Floodplain Management"

Socorro, New Mexico

March 13 - 16, 2012

It is not too late to register for the Spring Workshop. Remember you must register on line (www.nmfma.org) for the pre-workshop sessions, the week long workshop, and to take the CFM Exam.

Conference Hotel: Best Western Hotel/Conference Center

1100 California Street, Socorro, NM 87801

Phone: 575-838-0556

Workshop/Conference Room Rate: \$77 - NMFMA has 80 rooms blocked for our Workshop. So make your reservations NOW. The Workshop will be held in the Conference Center at the Hotel. The Center is located due East of McDonald's parking lot.



A brief outline of the Agenda can be found on Page 9 of this Newsletter. To see the agenda in detail, please visit the NMFMA web site. For your convenience you may use the following link. If that does not work, please follow the directions on Page 9.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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There will be an election of Officers to the Board of Directors this Spring. The voting process is now available to all active members on our web site, www.nmfma.org. If you are an active member of NMFMA, please participate in this election process. Our Association exists because of your participation.

You need your login and password in order to log onto the web page. If you have forgotten your password, send me an email at nmcfm@cableone.net and I can email a new, temporary password to you. When you logon, click on **Election-NMFMA Board**, which will bring up a screen in the right hand column. Click on **Vote Here** and follow the steps of the voting process. If you don't get a chance to vote before March 14, you can vote at the workshop, but remember your password. Please support your association by participating in this year's election process. Thanks.



In and Around New Mexico with the State NFIP Coordinator

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State NFIP Coordinator

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January 18, 2012, Valencia County, New Mexico provided an Insurance Agent National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Workshop offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VI from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). The afternoon NFIP Lender training was offered from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Workshops were offered at the New Mexico Rail Runner Transportation Center in Los Lunas, New Mexico.

I would like to thank the Valencia County, New Mexico community officials, floodplain administrators who assisted FEMA Region VI with this important NFIP training opportunity. Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor City of Belen, New Mexico; Theresa Silva, Town of Peralta, New Mexico; Eric Zamora, County Manager Valencia County, New Mexico; Hoss Foster, CFM, Valencia County, New Mexico; Donna Baker, CFM, Village of Bosque Farms, New Mexico; Robert Vialpando, Mayor Village of Los Lunas, New Mexico Adolph Lopez, CFM, Village of Los Lunas, New Mexico and Josie Navarrette, CFM, Village of Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Valencia County Senator Michael Sanchez during the County's Flood Map review recommended that FEMA develop some kind of training requirement for insurance agents so they can better (and more accurately) serve the public with their flood insurance needs.

Let's welcome the Village of Tularosa, New Mexico as our 98 community to join the NFIP. The Village of Tularosa entered the regular phase of the program on December 16, 2011. In the regular phase homeowners can get up to \$250,000 coverage for structures and up to \$100,000 for contents. Businesses can get coverage up of \$500,000 for structures and \$500,000 for contents.

Attention local floodplain administrators!

Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Training

The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NMDHSEM) Preparedness Bureau in conjunction with the Office of State Engineers (OSE) Dam Safety Bureau is offering a one day Workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. registration. The Workshop begins at 9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

Per Diem is allowed as long as your place of employment is 35 miles from the Albuquerque, New Mexico Workshop site. The hotel site has not been selected as yet. Check the New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association (NMFMA) website for more information and details www.nmfma.org or contact Marcella Benton, Preparedness Bureau Coordinator at (505) 476-9660 or Donald Mathiasen, Preparedness Bureau Coordinator at (505) 476-0869.



In and Around New Mexico with the [new] State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Like My New Hat?

by, Wendy Blackwell, CFM

State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Well, hello there fellow floodplain managers! It's me, Wendy Blackwell. But, now I am wearing a new hat, the one of State Hazard Mitigation Officer. Most of you know me as the Floodplain Administrator for the City of Santa Fe. But, at the beginning of the year, I left the Technical Review Division Director position at the City of Santa Fe to start a new job with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*. At DHSEM I work with Susan Walker, Director of the Preparedness Bureau, and Bill Borthwick, State Floodplain Administrator, on the Mitigation Program** for the state. In addition to floodplain mitigation activities, I will be assisting local communities with mitigation planning and projects for all natural hazards, including wild fire, earthquake, tornado, high winds and winter storms.

For those of you that don't know my background, I have been working in the floodplain management field for 20 years, starting with National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program in 1991. I assisted local communities with buy-out projects, relocation projects, floodplain mitigation planning and Wild & Scenic River studies across the country. I then worked as a grant administrator for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) on a California-wide flood disaster. For eight years I ran my own consulting firm, specializing in education and outreach on community based conservation planning. In this role, I wrote and assisted with several local mitigation plans. As the City of Santa Fe Floodplain Administrator, I oversaw the City-wide new FIRM adoption in 2008. I served on the NMFMA Board, represented NMFMA on the State-wide Mitigation Plan Committee and was also awarded Floodplain Manager of the Year in 2009.

But, enough about me... I want to let you know about the opportunities for grant funding to do mitigation planning and projects.

The State's Mitigation Program offers technical assistance and grant funding to communities and tribal entities for mitigation planning and projects. As a requirement for FEMA funds for mitigation projects, the community must have a FEMA adopted all-hazard mitigation plan. As part of the planning process, the community will create a planning team made-up of community staff and topic experts. The next step is to do a hazard analysis and risk assessment. Then mitigation planning actions will be identified and prioritized. All of these steps are reported in the all-hazard mitigation plan. Some communities in New Mexico have used FEMA mitigation grants to hire a consultant to facilitate and write the plan.

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In and Around New Mexico with the State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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There is funding available for both creating the plan and for the design and implementation of mitigation projects. FEMA mitigation grants are available as a 75% federal and 25% local match. The local match can be a 'soft match' such as volunteer time or employee time that is not already paid by the federal government. A 'hard match' would be cash dollars. There are many examples of creative methods for the match. So, think outside the box!

In March at the Spring Conference in Socorro, I will make a presentation that summarizes the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, The Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program and the Repetitive Loss Programs. All of these programs together are called the Unified Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance Program. I will also report out on the status of each community's mitigation plan. If the suspense is killing you or if you can't wait to fill-out the Notice of Interest Form or maybe you just want to talk over an idea, please feel free to contact me (see below for my new contact information).

In the meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you all in March wearing my new hat as State Hazard Mitigation Officer.

* RB Zaxus, P.E., CFM, is now the City of Santa Fe Floodplain Administrator and the Technical Review Division Director. You'll love working with her. She is fantastic!

** I use the term 'Program' very loosely, as I am the only full-time mitigation staff at DHSEM.

Wendy Blackwell, CFM

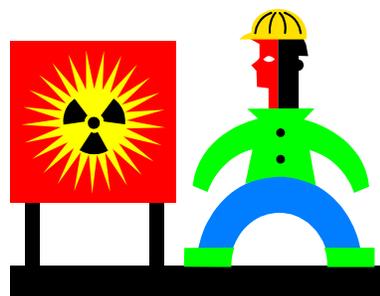
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Training Opportunity Pre-Workshop

NMFMA is pleased to announce three trainings that will be held on Tuesday, March 13 during the NMFMA Spring Workshop. These include:

- **Basic Floodplain Management**

Instructor: Diane Calhoun, CFM, Project Manager, M. Baker Jr., Inc.

This class is intended for the individual that has little to no experience regarding the basic understanding of floodplain management and enforcement of the minimum floodplain management regulations. This session is an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). We will discuss the minimum criteria of the NFIP in accordance to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); roles and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator; Flood Insurance Studies (FIS), Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM); and Flood Insurance as it relates to enforcement of floodplain management within your community.

- **Intermediate Floodplain Management**

Instructor: Dale Hoff, CFM, Natural Hazards Specialist, FEMA Region, Denton, Texas

The NFIP 201 Course, "Intermediate Floodplain Management" is designed as a follow-up for the E 273 Course, "Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP" (4 days) or for those who have had some experience in local government floodplain management. There are no prerequisites for attending this course but some experience would help. The following subjects will be covered in more depth than the E 273 or other courses:

NFIP Regulation

Adopting and Enforcing your Local Ordinance

Local Government Role in the NFIP

Floodplain Development Permitting

Letters of Map Change

"Bits and Pieces" – brief discussions on current topics

- **National Flood Insurance Program Q&A**

Presenter: Mark Lujan, CFM, ANFI, NFIP Regional Manager, Region ^

This is an open forum where the NFIP Regional Manager will discuss all of the hot insurance issues that have been happening in NM over the last year. This is also where insurance agents, community officials, and floodplain administrators can ask the questions/concerns that have been "flooding" their offices. There will be discussions on what local communities can do in order to make sure their citizens get the correct message the first time around.

Basic and Intermediate Floodplain Management Courses will require registration on www.nmfma.org, while the National Flood Insurance Program Q&A will be free to attend. Please contact Mike Czosnek, the Conference Director if you have questions, or need additional information.

Conference/Workshop Committee Report

Mike Czosnek, CFM

Chair, Conference Committee

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The Conference Committee, Michele Truby-Tillen, Grant Pinkerton and myself, have received Board approval to move the dates for future Workshop/Conference's to the old April-October schedule that NMFMA followed for years. The hope is that we will not be in conflict with other associations events.

With that move that also means that your High Waters newsletter publish dates will also move, to March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 of each year. The Workshop/Conference dates and newsletter publish dates will move beginning in 2013. For 2012 the dates and workshop/conference locations are: Socorro, March 14-16 and Las Cruces Sept. 19-21. Registration and hotel information is on the NMFMA website. www.nmfma.org.

I have assumed the role of Conference Director for the upcoming Socorro Workshop/Conference and Rigel Rucker will be starring as your program director. It will be a two track workshop on Thursday March 15. Wednesday, evening will be the NMFMA social event with munchies catered by the lovely and talented Dolores Czosnek (although the smoked salmon will actually be prepared by me, I'll let her take credit for it) Cocktail service will be provided by El Camino Restaurant.

We are currently taking registrations for exhibits and as of this writing we have only one, so you private sector folks out there need to step up and make the commitment now because space is limited. Speaking of registrations, when you go online and register please make sure you answer the questions regarding the social, lunch and dinner stuff. I need to get an accurate head count. As of this moment, unless Grant (Pinkie) Pinkerton has had a problem, you can also go to the website and vote.

For 2013 we have not established locations for the Spring or Fall workshop/conferences, so if anyone is interested in bringing NMFMA to your town please contact me at the following:

Mike Czosnek, CFM

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My contact info is also on the website as well as some information regarding what your responsibilities will be for Conference Director and Program Director.

Call for Sponsors/Exhibitors

Mike Czosnek, CFM
Chair, Conference Committee
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NMFMA is pleased to announce that commercial and professional firms are invited to have exhibits at our Spring Workshop in Socorro, NM March 14-16, 2012. We hope you will join us for this workshop.

NMFMA will provide:

1. An 8' x 10' exhibit space
2. A draped table and 2 chairs
3. Electricity
4. WIFI
5. 2 workshop registrations, valued at \$125 each
6. Acknowledgement at the workshop, on the NMFMA website and in the next newsletter



NMFMA guarantees that workshop attendees will circulate through the exhibit area. Refreshments will be served in the exhibit area during the four scheduled workshop breaks as well as the Wednesday evening social event.

The workshop dates are Wednesday, March 14 through Friday, March 16. Exhibits are to be set up between 8:00 AM and noon on Wednesday, March 14 and removed between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Friday, March 16.

The cost for exhibit space will be \$450 per space. Exhibits for non-profit and government agencies will be offered at no cost, provided that space is available. Exhibit space will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. We currently have space for 8-10 exhibits. To reserve your space or if you have any questions please contact please call me at 575-835-0240, or email me at mczosnek@socorronm.gov.

Thank you.

Mike Czosnek, CFM



Workshop Agenda Outline

TUESDAY - March 13, 2012

Three Pre-Workshop Sessions - Please see Page 6 of this Newsletter for details

Basic Floodplain Management

Intermediate Floodplain Management

National Flood Insurance Program Questions and Answers

WEDNESDAY - March 14, 2012

9:00 am to 4:00 pm Registration

9:00 am to 12:00 pm CFM Exam

Lunch on your own

1:15pm Workshop Opening and Welcome Address

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm Workshop Presentations

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm NMFMA Evening Social (Convention Center)

THURSDAY - March 15, 2012

8:30 am to 4: pm Registration

8:30 am to 11:30 am Workshop Presentations (Technical Track & Non-Technical Track)

11:30 pm to 1:00 pm Lunch and NMFMA Business Meeting

1:00 pm to 5:15 pm Workshop Presentations (Technical Track & Non-Technical Track)

5:15 pm to 7:00pm Dinner/Evening Social/Awards Banquet (Convention Center)

FRIDAY - March 16, 2012

8:30 am to 10:00 am Registration

8:30 am to 12 Noon Workshop Presentations

12:00 Noon Conclusion

To view the entire agenda with topics and presenters, you can copy and paste the following link into your internet explore. <http://documents.clubexpress.com/documents.ashx?key=aXkT62CXdfm7uE%2bUWplDuOleGQzWx3TctW8iD7A0cTk8v8xKFneFdw%3d%3d>

If the link does not work, go to the NMFMA web site. On the Home Page you will see under Future NMFMA workshops/conference [Spring 2012](#), click on that. That will take you to a page on Events. In the middle of the page you will find the following paragraph:

The workshop will start at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14 and finish at 12:00 pm on Friday, March 16. The preliminary agenda for the workshop can be downloaded [HERE](#). This is a preliminary agenda only and is subject to changes. **Costs for the Social, the Luncheon, and the Dinner are all included in the workshop registration fee.**

Click on the word [HERE](#) - it will take you to the detailed agenda. YOU MUST BE ON THE WEB SITE WHEN YOU CLICK ON THE WORD.

NMFMA GIS Committee

GIS Survey at the Spring 2012 Conference

Greetings from your NMFMA GIS Committee!

The purpose of the NMFMA GIS committee is to make GIS technology more accessible to NMFMA members and communities throughout New Mexico. To achieve this goal the GIS committee has in the past invited an ESRI guest speaker, presented on various GIS-related topics, and conducted a sample project with Socorro County to display the value of open-source GIS software.

The committee has many ideas on what to offer to the NMFMA membership in the future, including exploring the capabilities of Google Earth/Maps, presentations on GIS best practices, and focused training sessions about specific aspects of ESRI software.

Before we jump into all of that, we want to know what the membership wants and needs. That's why we're planning to have a survey at the upcoming spring conference that evaluates the level of GIS usage, the skill levels, and training/presentation topics that are of interest to the NMFMA membership.

The survey questionnaires will be handed out to the membership at the conference and it shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to fill them out. And here's the best part: We will have some attractive raffle prizes (sponsored by NMFMA) to give out among the people that participate!

So please participate in our survey, give yourself the chance to win one of these prizes and help the GIS committee to learn what aspects of GIS are of interest to you.



NEW MEXICO CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS

Grant Pinkerton, CFM

Chair, Certification Committee

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CFM renewal dates fall on January 1 and July 1 of each year. For those CFMs whose renewal date is in January, you get two reminders during the fall of each year; one to renew your CFM, and one to renew your membership in NMFMA. Be sure that you follow both requests through your Finance departments to make sure that BOTH have been taken care of. If you have not renewed your CFM by January 1, there is an additional \$25 fee you must pay to renew. And, if you have not renewed by January 31, you will be decertified. As always, you can contact Grant Pinkerton, Certification Board Chair, with any questions.

This is an excerpt from the NMFMA CFM Charter that explains the continuing education requirement of the NM CFM Program::

Certifications awarded by the NMFMA Board of Directors take effect immediately upon passing the exam. The two year renewal cycle will begin on the 1st of January or the 1st of July, whichever immediately follows the date of CFM award. Prior to the end of two years, each CFM must submit a renewal application to NMFMA and enclose the renewal fee. The application will be used to update the CFM's credentials and to document completion of the required Continuing Education Credits (CECs). When these conditions are met, a biennial renewal will be issued.

An initial CFM certification will be valid indefinitely, provided that the applicant complies with the biennial (every two years) renewal requirements, which are:

Submittal of renewal application;

Submittal of renewal fee;

Submittal of proof of 16 Continuing Education Credits (CECs) within the previous 24 months, with a maximum of 12 CECs earned in any one year.

The CFM Program is discussed in detail in the Charter, which can be viewed from the Certification page of the NMFMA web site.

The CFM exam is proctored several times each year. If you are interested in taking the exam, please remember that no matter what paperwork or on-line registration you submit for any specific workshop, class, or other function, **YOU MUST SUBMIT A CFM EXAM APPLICATION PACKET** to the Certification Board before you can be scheduled to take the exam. The packet is downloadable from the Certification page of the NMFMA website, www.nmfma.org. The Application Packet should be mailed to the Roswell address noted in the packet. Any questions should be directed to Grant Pinkerton, Certification Board Chair, at nmcfm@cableone.net.

FROM THE CHAIR

Paul Dugie, CFM

NMFMA Chair

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Happy New Year!

These past few weeks have been a real challenge. I was in a meltdown. It seemed that everything was going wrong and I did not know where to turn for relief.

I had to practice what I preach. You see when my three year old son, Tyler, has his melt downs, I tell him 'Take a deep breath, relax, and ask 'What is the problem?''

So, that is what I did.

You know what? You never out there alone. There is almost always someone out there that has done what you are doing. All you need to do is ask for some advice, help or just a kick in the derriere.

So I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for the advice, help and kicks I received from everyone. Also a special thanks to Diane Calhoun, Dale Hoff, Jim Orwat, Bill Borthwick, Mike Czosnek, Grant Pinkerton, JD Padilla, Rigel Rucker, Michele Truby-Tillen, and the Flood Commission Staff for helping me this past year. We could not have gotten the things done that we did without your dedication.

Let's do even more in the coming year.

Remember, just ask.

ASFPM 36th Annual National Conference



Mission Mitigation May 20 – 25, 2012, San Antonio, Texas

The deadline for submitting your presentation for the 2012 conference has now passed. Each year, we have significantly more presentations than we can accommodate, so late submissions are not considered!

In case you missed it, the San Antonio Marriott River Center is now accepting hotel reservations for the conference and a limited number of government per diem rooms are still available. Please note that this block is for government employees only and you will be asked to show identification upon check-in to confirm your employment status. The hotel has set up a [direct link](#) to their reservation system. Both per diem and group rate rooms can be reserved.

Nominations for ASFPM Awards Closes March 1, 2012

Join the stars who have received national recognition over the years for doing the right thing and doing it well. Here are the award categories for excellence in floodplain management to which we invite your nomination of worthy programs, projects, or persons. For more details, please visit www.floods.org.

Media Award

LRJ Local Floodplain Manager of the Year

Sheaffer Floodproofing Award

John Ivey Certification Award

Tom Lee State Award

James Lee Witt Local Award

Jerry Louthain Award for Distinguished Service

Meritorious Achievement Award

Our conference theme for 2012 in San Antonio is “MISSION MITIGATION”. Please help us showcase the many successes across the country! Simply go to the [ASFPM awards nomination page](#) and submit your program, project, or person online. Make sure you get it in by the March 1 deadline because it will not be extended, given that the conference is in mid-May this year. It is highly recommended that you provide applicable letters of support for your nomination. Send those to Outreach & Events Manager Diane Brown in the ASFPM office at diane@floods.org. Diane is available to answer your questions about the process or categories and may be reached at 608-441-3003. Winners will be notified in mid-April to allow time to make travel arrangements.

From the ASFPM Insider, January 2012

FROM THE EDITOR

What do we talk about when there is nothing to talk about?

Here are a few funny questions that will make you laugh and then make you think. They are designed to be thought provoking and entertaining. They can be used as a conversation starter or to lighten the mood. Most of all they are just a bunch of fun questions.

- If nothing sticks to teflon what makes the teflon stick to the pan?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- Can you cry under water?
- Is it wrong for a vegetarian to eat animal crackers?
- If people from Poland are called "poles" are people from Holland called "holes"?
- Is there an abbreviation for the word abbreviation?
- How come wrong numbers are never busy?
- What is another word for thesaurus?
- Why is it that a wise man and a wise guy are totally different?
- If seven-elevens are always open, why do they have locks on the doors?
- If honesty is the best policy, then is dishonestly the second best policy?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how will anyone ever know?
- What is the speed of dark?
- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
- Why is it that night falls, but day breaks?
- Why is the third hand on your watch called the second hand?
- If ghosts can walk through walls, why don't they fall through the floor?
- Why does Bugs Bunny walk around the cartoon naked, but he puts a bathing suit on when he goes swimming?
- Why is common sense so uncommon?
- Why is the only way to a clear conscience to have a bad memory?
- If you had everything, where would you put it?
- If you can't change your mind, are you sure you still have one?



Diane Calhoun, CFM

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[www.gettoknowu.com/LifeLessons/
Thought_Provoking_Questions](http://www.gettoknowu.com/LifeLessons/Thought_Provoking_Questions)



New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

Application for Membership

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Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____
Email _____
Telephone: () _____ **Fax** () _____

Affiliation:

- Local Government
- State Government
- Federal Government
- Private
- Academic
- Other _____

Nature of Duties

- Administration
- Engineering
- Planning
- Insurance
- Other _____

DUES ARE FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR

- Individual Membership \$ 35.00
 - NEW MEMBER
 - RENEWAL

MAKE CHECK OUT TO **NMFMA**

Send to: **NMFMA Executive Office**
 P.O. Box 3924
 Roswell, New Mexico 88202

I am interested in the following areas of concern:

Dam Safety _____
Flood Data _____
Structural Flood Control _____
Litigation/Legal Issues _____
Wetlands Issues _____
AO/AH Flooding _____
Crawl Spaces _____
Flood Warning & Response _____
Other: _____

I am interested in these Committees:

_____ Certification
_____ Conference
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_____ Membership
_____ Nominating
_____ Training/Education
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Purpose of the New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

- 1. To promote public awareness of proper floodplain management;**
- 2. To promote the professional status of floodplain management and secure all benefits resulting there from;**
- 3. To promote a liaison between individuals concerned with proper floodplain management and to encourage the exchange of ideas;**
- 4. To keep individuals concerned with proper floodplain management well informed through educational and professional seminars and to provide a method for dissemination of information, both general and technical;**
- 5. To inform concerned individuals of pending floodplain legislation and other related management matters; and**
- 6. To study and support legislation pertinent and necessary to the effective implementation of floodplain management matters.**