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**NMEMA (NM Emergency Management Association)
NMFMA (NM Floodplain Managers Association)
WORKSHOP/ CONFERENCE**

**PARTNERING FOR PREVENTION
September 27 thru October 1, 2010**

The theme for the workshop/conference is Partnerships: Discovering ways to bring Floodplain Managers and Emergency Managers together to address problems, determine solutions, and highlight the importance of building relationships before disaster occurs. **Tentative Workshop Schedule please see page 10.**

Conference Hotel:

Best Western Inn & Suites
700 Scott Ave
Farmington, NM 87401
505-327-5221



(Ask for the Floodplain/Emergency Managers Conference rate)
\$55 Double/Queen
\$71 King
\$74.25 Suite

Registration Information:

Registration for this event is \$250.00 and includes several meals during the week-long workshop. **DHSEM is offering to reimburse local community floodplain and emergency managers the cost of registration and per diem for this workshop.** Go the NMFMA web site, select FALL 2010, on that page under Partnering for Prevention, select the following link [NM DHSEM Per Diem Information](#) to obtain the proper forms that are required for reimbursement. NMFMA members can register online from the Event Calendar on the NMFMA web site, www.nmfma.org, for the workshop` and associated functions.

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**NEW MEXICO
CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS**

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The CFM exam was proctored in Aztec in April, and in Los Lunas in July, 2010, at the end of the FEMA E273 course offered in each of those cities. Between the two events, ten people passed the exam and joined the ranks of NM CFMs. Congratulations to the following new CFMs:

Ryan Gladden, CFM	City of Farmington
Glen Russell, CFM	Russell Surveying, Inc
Francis Fillerup, CFM	City of Farmington
Hubert Quintana, II, CFM	City of Farmington
Aaron Chavez, CFM	San Juan Water Commission
Margaret Ambrosino, CFM	City of Farmington
Paul Quairoli, CFM	Otero County
Roshana Moojen, CFM	City of Aztec
Marlin Johnson, CFM	Chaves County
David Gonzales, CFM	Chaves County

Also, Thomas Johnson, CFM has transferred to NM from Minneapolis, MN. Welcome to New Mexico, Thomas.

There are now 178 active CFMs certified by the NM certification program

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.

"A CFM Refresher Course will be held at URS-Albuquerque on September 20th, 2010, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at 6501 Americas Parkway NE. Please contact Beverley Frieday or Sarah Wozniak at (505) 855-7500 if you have any questions, as they will be co-teaching the course."

In and Around New Mexico with the State NFIP Coordinator

Bill Borthwick, CFM

State NFIP Coordinator

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Flood Insurance Training Requirements

New Mexico Insurance Division Rule, 13.1.2 was ordered September 28, 2007 by Morris J. Chavez, Superintendent of Insurance

The purpose of this Bulletin is to advise insurers and resident insurance agents of training requirements for selling flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to recommend that insurance agents advise homeowners of the availability of flood insurance.

Federally-backed flood insurance is available through the NFIP, which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA has implemented minimum flood insurance training requirements for insurance agents, as set forth in Section 207 of the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, Pub. L. 108-264 (the Act). Under the Act FEMA, in cooperation with state regulators, has developed flood insurance training requirements designed to ensure that agents selling flood insurance under NFIP are properly trained and educated about the program.

Under these requirements, all New Mexico resident insurance agents licensed in property /casualty lines of authority that may sell a flood insurance policy must complete a one-time course related to NFIP which will provide at least three hours of continuing education credit. Failure to comply with this continuing education requirement may jeopardize the insurance agent's authority to write flood insurance through the NFIP.

The federal law requires all New Mexico resident insurance agents who sell flood insurance through NFIP in New Mexico have complied with the minimum flood insurance training requirements of Section 207 of the Act, and with basic education as outlined in 70 FR 52117, or such later requirements as are published by FEMA.

Licensed insurers shall, upon request, demonstrate to the New Mexico Insurance Division that their licensed and appointed agents who sell flood insurance through NFFIP in New Mexico have complied with the minimum flood insurance training requirements.

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to the Insurance Division's Producer Licensing Unit at (505) 827-4551.

It's official!

New Mexico is the newest member of the Silver Jackets. The Charter is a *Natural Hazards Mitigation Team*. The charter was signed by Lt. Colonel Kimberly M. Colloton, Commander U.S. Army Corps Engineers Albuquerque District, Tony Russell, FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator, and John Wheeler Cabinet Secretary, Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NMDHSEM) on July 8, 2010. The steering committee for this mitigation collaboration are the four principal program managers Susan W. Gant, CFM, Floodplain Management Services, Jim Orwat, FEMA Region VI Graduate Engineer, Sophie Beym, State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) and Bill Borthwick, CFM, State Floodplain Coordinator .

The first action taken will be the Tribal Flood Risk Workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico July 26, 2010 at the USACE office with Pueblo leadership.

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Valencia County, New Mexico Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) adoption presentation was conducted by your State Floodplain Coordinator June 2, 2010 to the Valencia County Commission.

A follow up outreach Valencia County Commission meeting with FEMA Region VI along with the State was presented July 7, 2010. The attendees were Jack Graham, CFM, Senior Natural Hazards Specialist, Jim Orwat, FEMA Region VI Graduate Engineer, Mark Lujan I Service Regional Manager, Susan Walker, Preparedness Bureau Chief and Bill Borthwick, CFM, State Floodplain Coordinator. The presentation was the importance of adoption of the Valencia County flood maps prior to August 19, 2010.

Congressmen Teague hosted a town meeting July 11, 2010 at the Village of Los Lunas, New Mexico to address the new Valencia County, New Mexico Flood Maps. The outreach was Federal, State, County, local representatives and map study contractor. The Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) were Dan Martinez, FEMA Region VI Public Information Officer (PIO), Jack Graham, CFM, Senior Natural Hazards Specialist, Jim Orwat, FEMA Region VI Graduate Engineer, Mark Lujan I Service Regional Manager, Phil Drazek, CFM, PE, Project Manager, URS Corporation, David Turk, CFM, PE, URS Corporation and Bill Borthwick, CFM, State Floodplain Coordinator. Hoss Foster Valencia County Floodplain Administrator offered assistance to citizens within the county.

The communities were represented by Eric Zamora, Valencia County Manager, David Medina, Valencia County Manager, Robert Vialpando Village of Los Lunas, New Mexico and Theresa Silva Town of Peralta, New Mexico (newly appointed floodplain administrator).

If you have any questions please contact Bill Borthwick, CFM, 505-476-9617,

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WANTED - PROGRAM DIRECTOR

If you are interesting in working with a great group of people, introducing new and inventive methods for all around floodplain management, in beautiful down town Albuquerque, have I got a deal for you.

We need a Program Director for the NMFMA Spring Workshop to be held in Albuquerque.

If you have the interest, or if you have questions please contact:

Mike Czonek, CFM at (505) 835-0240 mczonek@socorronm.gov.



In Memoriam—Nicole Bailey



On Friday June 11, 2010 Nicole Bailey age 40, passed away , following a courageous battle with breast cancer. She died peacefully at her sister's home in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Nicole worked for URS located in Albuquerque with offices in Los Alamos and Las Cruces. Nicole was an active member of NMFMA and a CFM.

Nicole Bailey

Nicole was born on April 15, 1970, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and was raised in Milton. She graduated from high school in Salisbury, Maryland, and spent time in Virginia before returning to Lewisburg to study Geology at Bucknell University. She graduated in 1998 and moved to Albuquerque during that same year to attend graduate school at the University of New Mexico. She received her master's degree in Earth and Planetary Science in 2004.

Shortly after she completed her studies, Nicole joined URS as a geologist working on FEMA Map Modernization projects. Her intelligence, commitment and positive attitude quickly helped her rise from project team member, to project manager, to group leader and finally to operations manager. She was driven in all the best ways: pushing herself to excel in her career and taking on the new challenges each position faced; unending commitment to friends and family; a focus on healthy living; and donating her time to the cause of fighting leukemia and lymphoma.

Nicole had a wonderful sense of humor, an ability to laugh at herself in any situation and a knack for putting troubling circumstances in perspective. Nicole is remembered for her thoughtfulness, her loving heart and her beautiful smile. She also is remembered by her New Mexico co-workers for her love of hip-hop, her fear of cows, her little blue Scion, and her glorious mane of blonde curly hair.

Nicole is survived by her father, two sisters, a brother-in-law, a nephew, two nieces, her beloved dog, Cody, and her cat, Tobi-Wan-Kenobi.



Information from RAMPP

RISK MAP

"Starting in FY09, FEMA with the assistance of Risk Assessment, Mapping, and Planning Partners (RAMPP), a joint venture between Dewberry, URS, and ESP, began posting information regarding FEMA projects and outreach on RAMPPs website. If you would like information regarding the progress or meetings in a specific county, you can find it by using the following link:

<http://www.rampp-team.com/nm.htm>

If you need national outreach material, or handouts they can be found here:

http://www.rampp-team.com/fact_sheets.htm

If you need region specific outreach material or handouts, they can be found here:

http://www.rampp-team.com/fact_region6.htm

This website is updated regularly, so make sure you check it periodically for any new information. Also, as always, contact your local FEMA or RAMPP representatives if you have any questions."

It is also important to note that:

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Rigel Rucker, P.E., CFM

NMFMA 2nd Vice Chair

Engineering Group Leader

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FEMA

Training and Education Committee - Seeking Volunteers

I have recently been appointed as the new Training and Education Committee chair. I would like help from a few members to improve the NMFMA's training and education program by volunteering as committee members.

As a committee member, you will help improve the NMFMA by determining projects that the committee should be working on and helping to complete them. This will be a team effort and a heavy weight should not land on anyone's head.

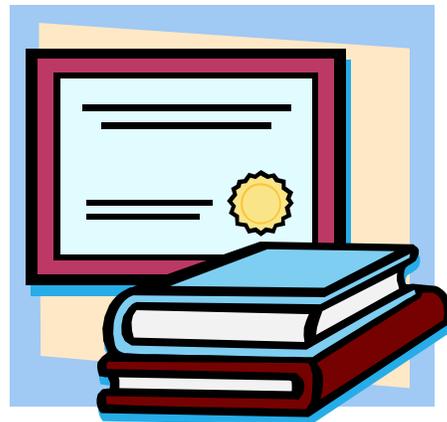
Some possible ideas to improve the program were identified at this years' annual retreat. Those ideas and others are listed below:

1. Develop a possible method to offer online training to obtain CEC's.
2. Develop an informational flyer.
3. Determine the training that should be offered to members on a regular basis and for conferences.
4. Information that should be on the web page.
5. Anything that seems reasonable.

The work does not necessarily have to be done by members on the committee. The work can be contracted out and paid for by the NMFMA. I realize that everyone is busy with their daily workload and helping on this committee would be in addition. I'm guessing 4 or so hours a month. If you would like to contribute more, that would be OK, of course.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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FROM THE CHAIR

Paul Dugie, CFM

NMFMA Chair

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On the weekend of July 17 and 18 several board members met in Socorro for a retreat. Many topics were discussed. One that I found interesting was, how can NMFMA better serve our members? We discussed basic and advanced training, mentoring programs, better use of the conference calls and just having better communications with our members.

So what we decided to do is to have the board members emailing, or other communications, with the membership to find out what we can do to help you do your floodplain management job better. You will primarily hear from your regional representative. If you have an idea and just can not wait for the contact from them please feel free to contact them or any board member. The more we hear from you the better we can serve you.

On another note I want to say thank you and congratulations to Curtis Cherne. He is our new Training and Education Chair. This is a very important position and he will be looking for some help. We need ideas on what training you needs and/or want. He will also need help in getting the trainings put together. So please do what you can to help him out.

Thanks Curtis!

I hope to see everyone in Farmington September 27-30.

PRP- 2-Year Extension

What does it mean?

FEMA is extending PRP eligibility for 2 policy years following the effective date of a map change for buildings newly included in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). This applies to policies that are effective on or after January 1, 2011.

How do I know if I am eligible for this extension?

- Buildings that were newly designated within an SFHA due to a map revision on or after October 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, are eligible for a PRP for 2 policy years. Property owners affected by these previous map revisions will be eligible for the PRP for the 2 policy years effective between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2012.
- Buildings that are newly designated within an SFHA due to a map revision on or after January 1, 2011, will be eligible for a PRP for 2 policy years from the effective date of the map revision.

I am a Pre-FIRM structure and I didn't grandfather the X zone. Am I still eligible?

You are still eligible for the extension. Here is an example of how this can work for a Pre-FIRM structure:

An owner of a Pre-FIRM building did not purchase a flood policy before the map changed on October 1, 2008; therefore, they were not eligible for grandfathering. In order to grandfather a Pre-FIRM structure, the policy must have been purchased before the map changed on October 1, 2008. Due to this fact, they purchased a standard-rated AE-Zone policy in December 2008.

The policy may be converted to a PRP for 2 years on the first renewal effective on or after January 1, 2011.

What do I tell my insurance agent?

Your agent should be aware of this extension. Also, your insurance company must send a notice to all potentially eligible policyholders at least 90 days prior to policy expiration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

Mark Lujan, CFM
NFIP Regional Manager, Region VI
214.618.1092 Direct
425.417.3159 FEMA Cell
214.618.1092 Fax
mlujan@ostglobal.com



TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday September 27 **CFM EXAM PROCTORED 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**
Registration Begins at 3 pm
Opening Social (5pm) and Bolack Museum Tour (4pm)

Tuesday September 28 **Breakfast/Welcome**
NIMS
NMDHS
Risk Map
Lunch
Kiffen Creek Restoration
Beneficial Functions of Floodplains
Disaster Planning
NOAA/NWA Social Networking
Dinner

Wednesday September 29 **Breakfast/Welcome**
Critical Facilities
FEMA COOP
HAZUS-MH
Lunch/Association Meetings
MOB SCAN MAP
Free GIS Software
Dinner

Thursday September 30 **Breakfast/Welcome**
Civil Air Patrol
Evacuation Planning
Lunch
SSI Training
NMEMA Awards Banquet

NMFMA Ends
NMEMA Continues





New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

Application for Membership

Name: _____

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

_____ Floodplain Management

_____ Legislative

_____ Membership

_____ Nominating

_____ Training/Education

_____ Technical



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WEB SITE:

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Purpose of the New Mexico Floodplain Managers

- 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.**