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NMFMA Co-Sponsors 2007 Arid Regions Conference

The Colorado Association of Stormwater & Floodplain Managers will hold a combined conference this year. The 18th Annual CASFM Conference will be held September 11-14, 2007 at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, Colorado, in conjunction with the 11th Arid Regions Conference.



New Mexico FMA is one of the co-sponsors of this event. Professionals from all over Colorado and the Arid Southwest will be attending this conference. If you have not made your reservation yet, it is time to get busy.

Theme for the conference is Round Up in the High Country, Gather at the Source. For more information on Hotel reservations and conference agenda go to the ASFPM web site, www.floods.org and click on 2007 Arid Regions Conference.

NMFMA 2007 FALL CONFERENCE FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

October 17 - 19, 2007

Conference Hotel: BEST WESTERN FARMINGTON
See Page 4 for more information on hotel and making reservations.



Call for Presenters: You don't have to be a professional speaker. This conference is about helping each other improve our ability to manage floodplain programs. All you need to have is a piece of the puzzle that fits and be willing to share it with your peers.

See page 5 for the Registration Form, and more details on the conference.

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On July 1, 2007 the NM CFM exam was offered to one person at the FEMA 273 course given in Austin, TX. Risana "RB" Zaxus with the City of Santa Fe became the 143rd NM CFM. Congratulations RB!

As I am getting ready to remind all those NM CFMs who are due for renewal in January, I am remembering some of the problems that some CFMs have had in the past coming up with enough CECs to qualify for renewal. Several people have waited until they get a letter from me reminding them of the due date for their renewal before they think about how many CECs they have accumulated. At the last minute they have submitted evidence of various courses or classes they have attended over the past two years for their CEC requirement. And several times, although the courses or classes have been engineering based, they have not been directly or indirectly connected with floodplain management. Unfortunately, no FPM CECs are available for those type of courses. This creates a problem for the CFM to scramble to find a way to keep his/her CFM status active.

If you are a CFM, you should look at your CEC requirement occasionally and plan to attend one of our conferences to gain the CECs you need. It is the easiest way to get required CECs. And you get a chance to learn a lot about floodplain management, you get to meet and visit with other NM floodplain managers, and you really help the NMFMA by actively taking part in the conferences that we organize for your benefit. We have a spring and a fall conference, so all you have to do is attend one a year to gain enough CECs to renew every two years. If you have any questions about your CECs, please give me a call.

At all NMFMA conferences, a one-day refresher course and the CFM exam are offered. The refresher course is held on Tuesday, the day prior to the conference. The CFM exam is given on Wednesday morning from 09:00 to 12:00. The conference begins at 1:00 on Wednesday. Register for our 2007 Fall conference in Farmington, NM, October 16 through 19.

The NMFMA web site, www.nmfma.org, has several publications that are excellent study material for the exam. Click on Publications on the home page. The Ready Reference for New Mexico Floodplain Managers and the Quick Guide are two easy to understand documents that can be downloaded from the web. The FEMA 480 Study Guide and Desk Reference, which is a very comprehensive review of the NFIP Program, can be accessed from the NMFMA web also. Click on Certification, then on Read, print, or download the Study Guide, then click on item #4 to get to the FEMA 480. It is a large document that can be downloaded chapter by chapter.

Remember: In order to take the CFM exam, an application and fee must be submitted and approved prior to the date of the exam. The application package is available on the NMFMA website. Click on Certification, then Read, Print, or Download the Application Package for the NMFMA CFM Exam. You can also follow the following link to the Application Package: <http://www.nmfma.org/certapp2004.PDF>.

In and Around New Mexico with the State NFIP Coordinator

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State NFIP Coordinator
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As of July 1, 2007 we are no longer the Department of Public Safety/Office of Emergency Management. The new agency is:

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The following Community Assistance Visits (CAVS) have been conducted by the State Floodplain Coordinator:

City of Sunland Park, New Mexico
Colfax County, New Mexico
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico
Los Alamos County, New Mexico (scheduled for August 27-28, 2007)

I would like to thank Dwaine Solana, CFM, Sunland Park Floodplain Administrator; Manuel Vallejos, CFM, Colfax County Floodplain Manager; Gabriel Boyle, CFM, Rio Arriba County Floodplain Administrator; Linda Seebach, CFM, Floodplain Administrator Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico Floodplain Administrator; J. Kyle Zimmerman, CFM, Los Alamos County Floodplain Administrator for their assistance and support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Welcome new National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Communities in FY 2007:

	Effective Date
City of Santa Rosa, New Mexico	
McKinley County, New Mexico	5-9-07
Village of Cloudcroft, New Mexico	1-29-07

I would like to thank the following people for their efforts in joining the NFIP:

James Anaya, CFM, City of Santa Rosa Floodplain Administrator
Tom "Speedy" Trujillo, McKinley County Manager
Honorable David Venable, Mayor Village of Cloudcroft

Community Rating System (CRS) Classification for the City of Alamogordo was verified as a Class 9 on 5-1-07.

The FEMA Region VI Community Assistance Program/State Support Service (CAP/SSSE) State Floodplain Coordinators and State Association Meeting was held in Denton, Texas August 8-10, 2007. The meeting was attended by the State Floodplain Coordinator and J. Kyle Zimmerman, CFM, New Mexico Floodplain Manager Association (NMFMA) Chair items for discussion were: CAP Quarterly Reports, CAP Guidance, Community Enrollment and Eligibility, Handbook Training Opportunities; MAP Mod, Certified Board Of Regent Report and Community Information System (CIS).

In regards to CAP Guidance, the States in FEMA Region VI will probably get the same allocation for FY 2008. It seems that the CAP-SSSE Funding dedicated to the States continues to be a slow process.

All States in the Region VI submitted the CAP Quarterly Reports on time and were recognized by FEMA Region VI.

Special recognition was given to Oklahoma and New Mexico for having Map Modernization Program Managers. In the case of New Mexico the Earth Data Analysis Center (EDAC) services this program under a Map Modernization Management Program Support (MMMS) Grant.

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If you would like to showcase your communities program, now is the time. We are already accepting presenter's information. Please include presenter name and community, topic, length of time needed, and any special presentation needs.

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NMFMA 2007 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2007

INSTRUCTION: Please fill out form completely and send with payment to the address below. All fees are payable in U.S. dollars. Make check payable to New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association, Inc. or NMFMA (Federal I.D. Number is 85-0433576). Please call 505-682-1389 with any questions.

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Member NMFMA		\$90	\$100	
Non-Member		\$110	\$120	
Full-Time Student (must show current ID)		\$35	\$45	
NMDHS New Community Workshop		\$45	\$45	
Basic Floodplain Management Workshop		\$45	\$45	
GIS Field applications for FPM Workshop		\$45	\$45	
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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				Amt Enclosed;

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You may register by mailing or faxing this form without payment. If you register without payment and do not attend, you will be billed for the amount due according to your registration, subject to the cancellation policy below. Early registration must be faxed or postmarked by **October 1, 2007**.

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NOTE: If you wish to take the CFM exam, you must register separately for that. Go to www.nmfma.org/cert for details.

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**ATTENTION NEW MEXICO FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS--
PEAK HURRICANE SEASON HAS ARRIVED****FEMA NFIP FLOODSMART**

Peak hurricane season, which lasts from August through October, brings a flood of questions to state floodplain managers. Residents, community groups, water management authorities and elected officials are turning to floodplain managers as authorities on any number of potentially controversial topics—from how new flood hazard maps affect flood risk, to the integrity of local levees, to the need for and availability of flood insurance. New Mexico has a heightened risk of flash flooding, riverine and runoff flooding, and more recently, flooding due to levee breaks. It is important to be familiar with these particular flood risks so you will be better prepared to inform and guide local residents.

Flash flooding in the summer in New Mexico and Arizona is primarily caused from moist ocean air colliding with the cooler mountains. During summer 2006, two major floods were reported in Alamogordo's surrounding counties in New Mexico. And only two percent of the state's households are covered by flood insurance. As a floodplain manager, it's not too late to engage in proactive outreach to your community to help them prepare for financially dangerous weather-related events this season.

New Mexico's Flood Risks**Flash flooding**

Warm temperatures in New Mexico combine with moisture in the air to enhance the risk of thunderstorms, torrential rainfalls, and life-threatening flash floods. Flash floods are also caused by slow-moving thunderstorms or storm clusters that repeatedly move over the same area. During late summer and Autumn, flooding occurs due to weakened hurricanes moving inland from the Pacific Ocean and Gulf of Mexico (source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association).

Riverine and Runoff Flooding

Flooding is also possible during the winter and spring months in New Mexico. Riverine flooding occurs when bodies of water such as lakes or rivers overflow (due to rainfall and melting snow) and flood surrounding areas, especially in southwestern New Mexico. Runoff flooding occurs when rainwater runs off land and into bodies of water causing them to rise. Either type of flooding can cause severe physical and financial damage. Residents need to know the facts on how to be prepared.

Levees

New Mexico has miles of levees that stand between residential homes, apartments, businesses and potentially dangerous floodwaters. After changes in season, levee failures are the second leading cause of severe floods in the country.

Levees are designed to provide a specific level of protection and require continual maintenance. When levees are not maintained, they fail catastrophically—but residents living behind levees are often unaware of the extent of their flood risk. It is important that residents in your area learn their risks as well as how to respond in an emergency situation. They should also understand that even if flood insurance is not a requirement, it is easily available and offers financial protection from flooding.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has identified hundreds of inadequately maintained levees in the United States. New Mexico has five levees that pose a high risk of failure in the event of a major flood. The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires that each of these faulty levees be repaired and re-inspected for proper certification. Should the levees fail to meet the outlined criteria, the areas around the levees will be deemed high-risk flood areas. This will not only force local New Mexico residents to buy flood insurance, but more importantly, put them in harm's way.

Flood Insurance Updates

Due to a recently improved Community Rating System (CRS) rating, hundreds of Las Cruces residents within the city's designated flood zone will pay fifteen percent less on flood insurance premiums as of October 1, 2007. If New Mexico floodplain managers continue to follow FEMA guidelines and thus reduce local flood risks, flood insurance premiums will only lessen, benefiting the greater New Mexico community.

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NM MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 28, 2007 - Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Les Bond and Grant Pinkerton attended a Public Hearing to gather public input on the MHD Rule change that NMFMA proposed some time ago. The hearing started about 09:30 and lasted about one hour. Les and Grant both gave testimony on the need for the change of the MHD rule. Mark Duran, Executive Director of the NM Manufactured Housing Association, also gave testimony regarding the concerns of the NMMHA. The acting MHD Committee chairman allowed some discussion between NMMHA and NMFMA, and the outcome was that as long as the proposed new language remained in its present format, the NMMHA would be opposed to its adoption. Mark Duran did say that he would be willing to meet with NMFMA and the MHD Director to work out some new language that would be acceptable to NMMHA and still accomplish NMFMA's goals regarding the MHD rule change.

At the MHD Committee meeting held at about 1:30 PM, the Committee discussed the possibility that new language that will most likely be proposed for the rule change would be substantially different from the language that was included in all the public advertisements that had been posted for the morning's public hearing and that the legally proper way to handle the issue would be to close the public hearing process on the advertised rule change with no decision, then wait until NMFMA submits the revised language. At that time MHD would advertise for a new public hearing on the new proposed language and we would start the process again. When asked if NMFMA was agreeable to this course of action, Grant Pinkerton stated that NMFMA agreed that new language would be significantly different and would require a new public hearing. NMFMA will work with NMMHA and the MHD Director to develop new language that all can agree to.

The Committee voted to close the public hearing process on the proposed rule change and take no action on the proposal.

Although this delays the process of getting the MHD rule changed and will require a few trips to Albuquerque to meet with NMMHA and to Santa Fe to meet with MHD, working with both entities will give us a better chance on getting the rule changed and finally gaining the assistance of MHD in the placement of MHs in flood hazard areas. We will keep the Floodplain Management Committee, the Newsletter Editor, and the Board of Directors informed of our progress.

MODEL MANUFACTURED HOME PLACEMENT PERMIT ORDINANCE FOR NEW MEXICO

I am going to be working on a project for the Floodplain Management Committee to develop a model ordinance that sets standards for the placement of manufactured homes. The sample, or model, manufactured home placement permit (MHPP) ordinance would be a guide for any community in New Mexico to use to develop their own local ordinance, which could assist local floodplain managers in being more proactive with new MH development in their community.

We already have a 7 page ordinance in Chaves County that has brought the majority of new MHs in our door so that we can apply our zoning and floodplain ordinances to new development, and I will be using that ordinance as a base line for the new model. Please send any of your thoughts or suggestions about what you think needs to be in the ordinance to me at grant@co.chaves.nm.us. I know that different parts of the State may have different requirements or problems and I would like to address all the possibilities in one model so that each community can pick and choose the topics or items that works for your community and can be adopted in your local ordinance. If you would like to have a copy of Chaves County's local MHPP ordinance so that you can see the specified issues that can be addressed in an ordinance, please contact me via email or phone as noted above.

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Role of Floodplain Manager

As a floodplain manager, you can help reduce community vulnerability by sharing information about flood risks and flood insurance. Your role in educating the public prepares communities for flood disasters and helps them recover. Now is the time to join forces with local insurance agents and elected officials and begin notifying your community about the risks of flooding and the rewards of flood insurance. These efforts strengthen the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and help maintain its ability to support the work of floodplain managers.

NFIP Resources to Support Floodplain Managers. The NFIP provides a wealth of information that can strengthen residents' and business owners' understanding of flood-related issues, including how to prepare for floods, how to obtain financial protection against flood damage and what to do after a flood disaster. Feel free to utilize these materials when reaching out to your community.

Visit www.FloodSmart.gov to learn how to prepare for floods, how to purchase a flood insurance policy, and what the benefits are of protecting home and property against flooding.

Visit www.fema.gov/business/nfip/hillsbo1.shtm and download a Map Change Toolkit of customizable templates that will help you communicate the effect of map changes on residents being mapped into or out of the floodplain.

Access the FloodSmart campaign's comprehensive **Flood Outreach Toolkit** to help you answer tough flood-related questions. The kit contains materials such as fact sheets on flood insurance, preparedness topics, and the implications of local map changes. Please e-mail info@femafloodsmart.com to request a copy of the CD.

Access resources on levees from the NFIP, fact sheets on living behind levees, and answers to frequently asked questions via www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/lv_intro.shtm.

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It that time of the year that we once more make our plea for donations for NMFMA conference activities, social functions, and/or breaks. If you are a corporate sponsor, this is a great opportunity to have your company name out there where local floodplain administrators will be attending functions and breaks. Corporate contributions help offset conference and Association costs in exchange for your company promotion.

Please step up and help NMFMA be the best that it can be and provide the best conference every. If you have any questions, or want to provide information on your contribution, please contact me via email, or phone number as noted above.

FEMA MANUFACTURED HOME REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 44 CFR SECTION 60.3

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According to the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) *Statistics Overview* dated May 2007, in the past year, there was a 28.3 percent increase in the number of manufactured homes shipped in New Mexico. This increase will only continue as more individuals and families make manufactured home ownership a reality within the State. This can be a serious challenge to local floodplain administrators as they prepare for, and permit, manufactured home development within the community's Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Due to this increased manufactured home activity, a local floodplain administrator should become more accustomed to their flood damage prevention ordinance, as an ordinance is the very basis of authority for floodplain management within a community. The minimum standards of an ordinance were developed using the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) regulations for floodplain management, in order for local community's to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

This article is designed to help local floodplain administrators become familiar with FEMA's minimum standards of manufactured home development for structures located in Zone AE on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Careful review of your local flood damage prevention ordinance is important because it may be more restrictive than FEMA's minimum standards. Where a more restrictive ordinance is in effect it will take precedence over FEMA's minimum standards.

Definitions are also an important part of understanding your local flood damage prevention ordinance. They clarify the meaning of the provisions outlined in your ordinance and provide a reference for future communications with homeowners. The following is a list of definitions that contain information on manufactured homes:

44 CFR 59.1 - Manufactured home means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle".

44 CFR 59.1 - Manufactured home park or subdivision means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

44 CFR 59.1 - New manufactured home park or subdivision means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of floodplain management regulations adopted by a community.

44 CFR 59.1 - Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufacturing homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

These definitions help us understand the manufactured home development regulations for structures that are outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision, in a new manufactured home park or subdivision, in an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, or in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on which a manufactured home has incurred "substantial damage" as a result of flood. In other words, these regulations pertain to manufactured home development outside of an existing manufactured home park unless that structure is substantially damaged by flood.

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44 CFR 60.3 (c) (6) – *Require that manufactured homes that are placed or substantially improved within Zones A1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM on sites*

- (i) *Outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision,*
- (ii) *In a new manufactured home park or subdivision,*
- (iii) *In an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, or*
- (iv) *In an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on which a manufactured home has incurred "substantial damage" as a result of a flood, be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated to or above the base flood elevation and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist floatation, collapse and lateral movement.*

Manufactured homes meeting the criteria of 44 CFR 60.3 (c) (6) must be elevated on a permanent foundation where the lowest floor is elevated to or above the base flood elevation (BFE). In addition, the manufactured home must be anchored to the foundation so as to resist floatation, collapse and lateral movement. Where a BFE is utilized for manufactured home development in an area other than existing manufactured home park, local communities can use this information to elevate and anchor manufactured homes to make them disaster resistant to the devastating effects of a 100-year flood.

Existing manufactured home parks have different criteria than those outlined under 44 CFR 60.3 (c) (6). To better understand what an "existing manufactured home park or subdivision" is the following definition will clarify the term:

44 CFR 59.1 - Existing manufactured home park or subdivision *means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by a community.*

Manufactured homes in an existing manufactured home park, or those that have incurred substantial damage, except in the case of flood, will have to bring that structure into compliance with 44 CFR 60.3 (c) (12).

44 CFR 60.3 (c) (12) – *Require that manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved on sites in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision within Zones A-1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM that are not subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) (6) of this section be elevated so that either*

- (i) *The lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood elevation, or*
- (ii) *The manufactured home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are no less than 36 inches in height above grade and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement.*

One of two options are available to homeowners of manufactured homes in an existing manufactured home park. The first is to elevate that structure to or above the current BFE. The second is to have the manufactured home chassis, supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength, elevated no less than 36-inches above grade. Even though the 36-inch requirement is available for manufactured homes in an existing manufactured home park, option one, elevating to or above the BFE, is also a viable minimum standard option for community permitting officials. Both options will require that the structure be adequately anchored to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement.

As manufactured home development continues to increase in the State of New Mexico local floodplain administrators will face many challenges in the coming years. As such, local floodplain administrators have an increased responsibility to become familiar with their local flood damage prevention ordinance, State regulations and any additional Federal requirements. For example, New Mexico State regulations, Chapter 60, Article 13, 10, have assigned the Construction Industries Licensing Agency to issue regulations prescribing standards for alteration or repair of all buildings, improvements, modular and manufactured homes intended for use in floodplain areas.

FEMA's minimum standards and enforcement of local flood damage prevention ordinances for manufactured home development will help protect these structures from the effects of the 100-year flood. Understanding the situation, like the location of the manufactured home development, will help the floodplain administrator make the best possible decision for permitting and placement of manufactured homes. Any additional higher standards will take precedent over FEMA's minimum standards and increase the flood sustainability of the structure.



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- Affiliation:**
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I am interested in the following areas of concern:	
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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.**

To accomplish the purpose of NMFMA, meetings and conferences are conducted, distribution of a quarterly newsletter. In addition, NMFMA also works with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Home Lane Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency and others.