FEMA Requests Public Comments for National Flood Insurance Program Environmental Impact Statement

FEMA is proposing changes to the implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Oregon. As part of the process, FEMA will develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act to identify the potential impacts to the human environment.

On March 6, 2023, FEMA published a <u>Notice of Intent (NOI)</u> to prepare an EIS. FEMA is soliciting public comments on potential issues, concerns, and reasonable alternatives that FEMA should consider in an EIS for *the National Flood Insurance Program – Endangered Species Act Integration in Oregon Plan*. Public comments can be submitted from March 6, 2023, through May 5, 2023.

The EIS will not apply to municipalities in Baker, Harney, Klamath, Lake, and Malheur Counties.

Public Meetings

FEMA will host virtual and in-person public meetings during the comment period. The first scheduled virtual public meeting is March 22, 2023, 4 – 6 p.m. All meeting information will be shared on the <u>project website</u>.

Information about the Oregon Biological Opinion, public process, public meetings, supporting documentation, and how to submit comments is shared on the <u>project website</u>.

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