

Public invited to appeal or comment on flood maps in Seminole County

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Denton, Texas— New preliminary flood risk information and updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available for review by residents and business owners in portions of Seminole County, Okla. Officials encourage property owners to review the latest information to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements. Community stakeholders can identify any concerns or questions about the information provided and participate in appeal and comment periods for the maps.

The new flood hazard information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been generated in coordination with local community, state, and FEMA officials. Significant community review has already taken place.

Appeals/Comments may be submitted from 12/17/2019 through 3/16/2020:

- Cities of Maud, and Seminole; Towns of Bowlegs Cromwell, Lima, and Sasakwa; Unincorporated Areas of Seminole County.

Appeals/Comments may be submitted from 12/18/2019 through 3/17/2020: City of Wewoka.

Appeals/Comments may be submitted from 12/19/2019 through 3/18/2020: City of Konawa.

Residents may submit an appeal if they perceive that modeling or data used to create the map is technically or scientifically incorrect. An appeal must include technical information to support the claim, such as hydraulic or hydrologic data. Appeals cannot be based on the effects of proposed projects or projects started after the study is in progress.



If property owners see incorrect information that does not change the flood hazard information—such as a missing or misspelled road name in the Special Flood Hazard Area or an incorrect corporate boundary—they can submit a written comment.

The next step in the mapping process is the resolution of all comments and appeals. Once they are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Review the preliminary maps, as well as submit appeals and comments, by visiting your local floodplain administrator (FPA). A FEMA map specialist can help identify your community FPA and is available by telephone; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

The preliminary maps may also be viewed online at the following locations:

- The Flood Map Change Viewer at <http://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>
- FEMA Map Service Center at <http://msc.fema.gov/portal>

For more information about the flood maps:

- Use a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C> (just click on the “Live Chat” icon)
- Contact a FEMA map specialist by telephone; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover flood. There are cost saving options available for those newly mapped into a high-risk flood zone. Learn more about your flood insurance options by talking with your insurance agent, visiting <https://www.floodsmart.gov>, or calling 1-800-427-4661.

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