## Preliminary Flood Maps for Somervell County, Texas are Ready for Public

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DENTON, Texas – Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available for review by residents and business owners in Glen Rose and unincorporated areas of Somervell County. Officials encourage property owners to review the latest information to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements.

For this Physical Map Revision, the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) serve multiple purposes, including defining Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) and setting rates for flood insurance. SFHAs are areas at high risk for flooding. Communities and residents can use the information to make informed decisions about building, development, and flood insurance.

Flooding can and does happen outside of the most vulnerable areas. "Along with our state and local partners we've worked hard to bring this critical information to Somervell County. We hope everyone will review the maps to understand their individual flood risks," said FEMA Region 6 Administrator, Tony Robinson. "Flood water does not stop at a line on a map, so I encourage everyone to purchase flood insurance, because more than 25 percent of flood damages occur outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area."

Contact your local floodplain administrator to review the new flood maps and learn more about your risk of flooding. The preliminary maps may also be viewed online at the following locations:

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

• To use the live chat service, visit <u>http://go.usa.gov/r6C</u>. Click on the "Live Chat" icon.

To contact a FEMA map specialist, call 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or send an email to FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.



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Purchasing a flood insurance policy now may save you money. 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, or by visiting <u>https://www.floodsmart.gov</u>.

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