Public Comment Period Closing on Potential Changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Oregon

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BOTHELL, Wash. – The public comment period on potential changes to the NFIP in the Oregon plan area will close on October 6, 2025. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and updated Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP— Endangered Species Act (ESA) Integration in Oregon in late August. Communities, agencies, and the public are encouraged to review and provide comment.

FEMA is analyzing potential changes to how the NFIP is implemented in the Oregon plan area to comply with the ESA and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). In collaboration with Oregon state agencies and interested parties, FEMA developed an updated Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration. If approved, participating and future NFIP communities in the Oregon plan area would need to require no net loss standards for floodplain development. Over 200 communities in Oregon would be affected by these changes to the NFIP.

Following the public review and comment period, FEMA will develop a Final EIS, identify a preferred alternative, and publish a Record of Decision to conclude the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Public Comment Opportunities

Comments must be submitted by October 6 in one of the following ways:

- Email: fema-r10-or-nfip-esa-integration@fema.dhs.gov
- Verbally at the last public meeting: September 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. PDT. Register here.
- Online comment form



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- Mail: NFIP OR-EIS, FEMA, Region 10, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021
- Fax: 425-775-7560 Attention: FEMA NFIP OR EIS

The <u>project website</u> contains the Draft EIS, the updated Draft Implementation Plan, other documents, information about public meetings, a <u>link to a virtual room</u>, and ways to comment.

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