Get Repair, Rebuilding, Flood Insurance Advice Next Week at Village of Ruidoso Community Center

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As New Mexicans repair and rebuild in the wake of the South Fork and Salt Fires and flooding, a team of FEMA's recovery experts is coming to the Village of Ruidoso Community Center to provide free information and tips on how to make homes damaged by natural disasters stronger and safer.

The FEMA specialists will be available to answer questions and offer home improvement tips and proven methods to help prevent or reduce damage from future disasters. They will also share techniques for rebuilding hazard-resistant homes. Most information is aimed at do-it-yourselfers and general contractor work.

Residents with fire- or flood-impacted homes will pick up tips on re-building smart, strong and safe to prevent future damage. Smart building includes mitigating damage against floods, strong winds and even tornadoes. Attendees will learn how such simple mitigation measures as elevating electrical and heating systems and anchoring fuel storage tanks can provide a windfall of protection against severe conditions, and much more. Bring your questions.

In addition, FEMA Hazard Mitigation insurance specialists from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will be on hand to answer questions about flood insurance.

These experts will be available Monday, Oct. 7 through Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at:

Village of Ruidoso Community Center 501 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 86345

