



## The Wasco County draft Flood Insurance Rate Map is ready for review.

### WHAT DOES THIS CHANGE MEAN FOR YOUR PROPERTY?

The map update has not changed your flood zone or floodplain designation for your structure or parcel.

Visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) to learn more about flood insurance.

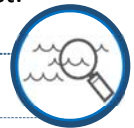
FEMA is working with the state of Oregon, Wasco County, the cities of The Dalles, Dufur, Maupin and Mosier and the Town of Shaniko to use new data and technology to update your Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The new map will better represent the risk of flooding in Wasco County.

New maps help your community better understand its flood risks. This way, you can

make informed decisions about how to protect yourself against damage and loss.

At this time, the updated flood map is “preliminary.” This means that it is in draft form and open for public review and input. Once FEMA addresses all comments and appeals on the map and your community adopts it, the new FIRM will go into effect.

## Map Changes and Your Flood Risk



The flood maps identify high-risk areas of flooding. These are known as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). They are shown on the flood maps as zones starting with the letter “A”. If your home or business is in a SFHA, and you have a federally backed mortgage, your lender will require flood insurance. When the new flood map goes into effect, flood insurance requirements for your property may change.

**TO VIEW THE MAP ONLINE, VISIT:**

[bit.ly/wascostorymap](http://bit.ly/wascostorymap)

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FLOOD MAP UPDATE USING YOUR SMART PHONE:**



To request a personalized flood map of your property and learn more about how the map was made, send an email to:  
[PropertyIDMap@starr-team.com](mailto:PropertyIDMap@starr-team.com).

The original flood maps for Wasco County and the cities of The Dalles, Maupin, Mosier and Dufur and the Town of Shaniko were developed in 1984 and 1989.

The new flood map will help Wasco County better understand its flood risks and make more informed decisions about how to protect itself from losses and damage.

**Questions?**

[RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com](mailto:RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com)

(425) 329-3679



## Comments and Appeals

When FEMA releases a preliminary flood map, the agency provides a public comment and appeal period. In that time, constituents of affected communities can review the maps and help make sure they properly show the flood risk.

FEMA has collected the latest technical information to inform how we understand the flood risk. However, it is crucial that the people affected by these maps provide their feedback and specific local knowledge. The official appeal period that follows the delivery of the new maps will be 90 days.

**Please submit any comments or appeals to your local community representative:**

**WASCO COUNTY**

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## Flood Insurance

Flood damage is incredibly expensive. However, it does not have to drain your bank account. To protect the life you have built and provide financial well-being in the event of a loss, buy flood insurance. It will help you recover faster and more fully.

1. Your lender will require you to carry flood insurance for the life of the mortgage IF:
  - Your building is in an SFHA (high-risk zone) on the current flood map.
  - You have a federally backed mortgage (insured by the taxpayers).
2. If you live in a high-risk flood zone, and you or a prior owner accepted federal disaster assistance for flood damage, an agreement was signed that flood insurance would be maintained for your home or building. You must maintain that flood insurance coverage to be considered for any future federal disaster aid.



There are often options for finding lower-cost flood insurance, depending on how your home was built and its flood history. Contact your insurance agent to learn more.

**For more information, visit <https://www.floodsmart.gov/> or attend one of the following:**

### **May 17th- Board of County Commissioner Meeting**

[https://www.co.wasco.or.us/departments/board\\_of\\_county\\_commissioners/agenda\\_board\\_packet\\_and\\_minutes.php](https://www.co.wasco.or.us/departments/board_of_county_commissioners/agenda_board_packet_and_minutes.php)

### **May 23rd- Open House @ The Dalles High School 5:30-7:30pm**

220 E 10<sup>th</sup> St, The Dalles, OR 97058 – Auditorium

### **May 24th- Open House @ Wamic Community Center 5:30-7:30 pm**

80192 Emigrant Street, Wamic, OR 97603

Brief presentations at the open houses start at 5:30pm followed by an opportunity to meet with experts. Contact the Wasco County Planning Department at 541-506-2560 or [wcplanning@co.wasco.or.us](mailto:wcplanning@co.wasco.or.us) for more information or if you need accommodations. The Dalles event will have some remote capabilities.



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