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RE: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Study

Clearwater County, including the incorporated cities of Elk River, Pierce, Orofino, and Weippe, has been working collaboratively with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Idaho State, and local communities to better identify flood risk in the County. This effort includes a new flood study on several streams in the County that will ultimately be used to update the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and provide the County with valuable flood risk information. Better identification of flood risk helps people determine their own priorities and take steps to reduce risk to lives and property. This data also supports communities in recovery efforts when disaster strikes.

A very important part of accurately assessing flood risk is field surveys to understand how conditions on the ground may impact flooding. FEMA's contractor, STARR II (represented by Harmony Design and Engineering) is conducting field surveys in the County and Cities during the next few months. The purpose of these surveys is obtaining channel cross-sections, identifying or establishing elevation reference marks, and obtaining the physical dimensions of hydraulic and flood control structures. Survey crews have been and will be in and around the County and Cities from May 2021 through September 2021.

To view a map of the areas subject to the FEMA flood study for Clearwater County and the City of Orofino, please see maps provided on the Clearwater County Flood Program webpage at:

https://www.clearwatercounty.org/departments/building_plan/flood_program_information.php

Maps of Flood Survey Locations Clearwater County

https://www.clearwatercounty.org/departments/building_plan/docs/ID_Clearwater_UnincorporatedAreas_ImpactedParcels_20210622.pdf

Maps of Flood Survey Locations City of Orofino

[City of Orofino FEMA Maps.pdf \(revize.com\)](#)

Word Version of Letter of Introduction for Field Surveys

[Letter of Introduction for Field Surveys Clearwater County \(002\).pdf](#)

Below is contact information for each jurisdiction if you have any questions regarding the survey in your area.

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