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Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 4:49 PM
To: Cox, Sally A (CED)
Subject: Risk MAP Project Quarterly Report for Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska

Greetings,

My name is Emily Whitehead and I am part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MatSu) Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) Project Team, working with the Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR), a contractor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This email is being sent to you as a status update for work completed on this project as of November 13, 2015. Detailed status updates like this are sent quarterly and include the overall project status, changes to the scope or schedule of the project, and a detailed overview of the individual technical tasks associated with the project.

Project History

The State of Alaska identified the MatSu Watershed as a priority for FEMA's Risk MAP program. The State determines its priorities based on population at risk to hazards, recent events, and community interest. FEMA, State, and Local stakeholders participated in a Risk MAP Discovery Meeting held April 23, 2013 where community concerns were identified. These concerns were captured in the Risk MAP Discovery Report and delivered to the communities in the watershed. After the Discovery Meeting, community concerns were researched and analyzed, in order to develop a scope of work that includes multi-hazard risk assessment products and updates to the communities' regulatory flood maps based on community-identified resilience needs.

Project Milestones and Deliverables

Meeting/Deliverable	Point of Contact	Actual/Projected Date
Risk MAP Discovery Meeting	Emily Whitehead	April 23, 2013
Flood Study Kick-Off Meeting	Emily Whitehead	December 13, 2013
Draft Map Release	Emily Whitehead	August 28, 2015
Flood Risk Review (FRR) Meeting	Emily Whitehead	January 20, 2016
Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Emily Whitehead	August 2016*
Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Meeting	Ted Perkins	September/October 2016*
Public Meeting/Workshop	Community Engagement and Risk Communications Lead	Fall 2016
Appeal Period Starts	Emily Whitehead	Fall 2017*
Appeal Period Ends	Emily Whitehead	Spring 2017*
Letter of Final Determination (LFD)	Emily Whitehead	Fall 2017*
Draft Multi-Hazard Risk Report	Amanda Siok	Fall/Winter 2016*
Risk MAP Resilience Workshop	Amanda Siok	Fall/Winter 2016*
Delivery of Final Risk Report and Risk Assessment Database	Amanda Siok	Winter/Spring 2017*
Maps and FIS become Effective	Ted Perkins	Early 2018*

**All projected dates are subject to revision as the project progresses.*

Recent Activity

Draft Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) database creation has begun. The Flood Risk Review (FRR) Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at the Mat-Su Borough Offices. The FRR meeting provides an opportunity to discuss the draft workmaps, previously released on August 28, 2015, and the methodologies that were utilized in their production.

Next Steps

Local comments on the draft workmaps will be addressed prior to preliminary DFIRM products release.

Additional information on this project including the project area and Risk MAP contacts can be found online at <http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionX/MatSuDisco/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

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General Information

If you have questions about this Risk MAP project, please contact the State Risk MAP Coordinator, Sally Cox, Sally.Cox@alaska.gov, (907) 269-4588.

The STARR Region X Help Desk is another resource available to answer project-related questions. STARR staff will route and research your question, and respond within three business days. Submit your questions via email, the address is RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

If you want to keep up with what's happening around Region X, get project status updates, or learn about upcoming events and training opportunities, subscribe to the Region X monthly newsletter. For more information or to subscribe, email rxnewsletter@starr-team.com.

Current and past issues of the newsletter, project status updates, announcements, upcoming events and training opportunities are also available online at the STARR website, www.starr-team.com (shortcut link: <http://j.mp/starrxnews>).

I hope you found this status update email helpful. If you would like to be removed from the distribution list, or if you feel there is someone that should be added to the list, please reply to this email. If you have any questions, or if there is information that you would like to see in future updates, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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