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## NAI How-To Guides Hit the Street!

The long awaited and highly anticipated No Adverse Impact (NAI) How-To Guides are hot off the presses! After two years in the making (one in planning and one in implementation), the first two NAI How-To Guides are available on the ASFPM website. The intent of these How-To Guides is to expand on the knowledge base within the original No Adverse Impact Toolkit and to provide specific tools for incorporating NAI floodplain management into local regulations, ordinances, requirements, design, standards, and practices.

Mitigation and Infrastructure are the first two NAI building blocks to be published into How-To Guides (there are eight, the seven original building blocks + legal). Each How to Guide features an introduction and background on NAI, five of the many NAI tools that can be utilized under the particular building block being featured (Mitigation and Infrastructure), and a War Stories section of what worked, and in some cases, what didn't. There is a ton more useful information in the [How to Guides](#), so go online now and check them out!

The ultimate goal for the Guides is to have communities take a different approach - an NAI based approach - to managing all development in the community that may contribute to increased flood risk,

and to incorporate the NAI concept into all ongoing local community activities. These Guides identify just a few of the many ways a community can accomplish lessening flood risk within their community now and working toward reducing flood risk in the future.

Many thanks go out to our contractors on the How to Guides - Michael Baker (project leads George Riedel, Carver Struve, and Benj Korson) for the Mitigation How to Guide, and URS (project lead Heidi Carlin) for the Infrastructure How-To Guide. Additional thanks go out to the NAI Committee Co-Chairs Christy Miller and Terri Turner, Deb Mills who served as the Overall Technical Editor for the Mitigation How-To Guide, Drew Whitehair who was the ASFPM project lead, and the many authors and subject matter experts that contributed to the success of these Guides. Please contact ASFPM Science Services at [sciserv@floods.org](mailto:sciserv@floods.org) with your questions and comments.

### ASFPM MADISON OFFICE MOVE FINAL STAGE . . .

Up until recently, our old phone # was still forwarding to our new phone # at our new location, which we moved into last November. That has now expired. Please update the ASFPM phone number today: Phone 608-828-3000, Fax 608-828-6319.

## Associate Director - Operations Report - Ingrid Danler

"The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there."  
— [Vince Lombardi](#)

For floodplain professionals, being on top of the mountain is not a place we are often physically found (but often wish that everyone else was!). But in respect to the expertise, knowledge, and continual growth of our profession, this is exactly where we are all climbing as we strive to bring the best tools, practices, and knowledge to decision makers and the general public. As a member of our National Association, you have access to timely and relevant information to help you make decisions daily, as well as influence the future of floodplain management across the nation, and the future of our youth as they start the journey to a career.



In June, at the conference in Hartford, CT, we had an opportunity to thank over 70 volunteer leaders and usher in a slate of new volunteer leaders. The ASFPM structure is comprised of four branches of leadership--three different Boards: the ASFPM [Board of Directors](#), the [Foundation Board of Trustees](#), and the [Certification Board of Regents](#)—and then the 14 Policy Committees, each led by two co-chairs. Each Board has its own operating rules and membership, and the Committees meet both as a whole, and separately within their individual groups and their PODs (or track grouping). In unity, these branches of leadership do much of the heavy lifting on creating the policies and positions and vetting to continue the credibility of the ASFPM on the national scene. If you have dabbled with the notion of becoming part of the leadership team, know that your interest and contributions are welcome and wanted and needed, and we encourage you to reach out.

One of the most important tasks of the ASFPM Board is the setting of the annual [Goals & Objectives](#). From this important annual task, everything rolls forward. The annual Budget is built, the other Boards such as CBOR and Foundation receive their highest priorities, and the Committees adjust their annual workplans to reflect new needs. Additionally, internally, staff annual workplans are adjusted to accomplish these important goals and objectives and deliverables are identified. *It's a well-oiled machine that has kept the ASFPM relevant and in the forefront of the Federal, State, and local issues for over 35 years!*

Lastly, we want to thank the over 900 people who attended Hartford, CT for our annual conference. And, mark your calendars for next year in Seattle, Washington, as we jump coasts to the west for the 2014 national conference, "Making Room for Floods & Fish".

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ingrid Danler".

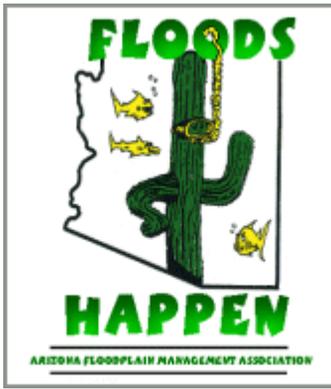


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## Hurricane Sandy Recovery Strategy Released by HUD

On Monday August 19, HUD Secretary Shawn Donovan released the Hurricane Sandy Task Force's 200 page report that includes 69 policy recommendations to help communities recover from future storms. ASFPM applauds their focus on resilience and reducing future risk. [Link to HUD release which has link to report summary and link to full report.](#)

Other Recent Hurricane Sandy Resources  
[Uniform Flood Risk Reduction Standard for Sandy Rebuilding Projects](#)  
[FEMA - Mitigation Success Story in Sea Bright](#)  
[More Here](#)



## 13th Triennial ASFPM Arid Regions Conference

**October 15 - 18, 2013 ~ ~ Scottsdale, Arizona**  
 Sponsor: Arizona Floodplain Management Association,  
 In partnership with ASFPM Arid Regions Committee

Please join us for the 13<sup>th</sup> Triennial ASFPM Arid Region Conference, October 15 – 18, 2013, at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Arid Regions Policy Committee of ASFPM is putting on this exclusive conference in partnership with the Arizona Floodplain Management Association. Knowing that droughts typically end with floods, flooding in arid regions can create unique challenges for floodplain managers. This triennial Conference focuses on topics and challenges that are relevant to arid regions floodplain management, including Risk Awareness, Climate Change and Drought, Mitigation, and Levees, Dams, Canals and Stormwater Management. Panel discussions are planned focusing on Risk MAP as well as technical and policy issues pertaining to managing development on Alluvial Fans. Several day-long field trips are planned to view mitigation and restoration projects throughout the Phoenix Metro area. Registration fee is \$375 and hotel room rate is \$105 plus taxes. Conference registration is now open, click on the link to register at [www.azfma.org](http://www.azfma.org).

### Conference at a glance:

- \*Plenary, technical, and policy sessions
- \*Moderated panel discussions
- \*CFM continuing education credits (CECs)
- \*Field Trips
- \*Free training sessions
- \*CFM Exam will be proctored

## ASFPM Foundation’s 2013 Auctions Are Rousing Success!

Your [ASFPM Foundation](http://www.asfpm.org) holds a fundraising auction each year at our national conference to raise funds for their activities and research, complementing the generous donations received throughout the year from chapters, corporations, and individuals. This year the Silent and Live Auctions were held in Hartford CT Monday June 10 through Wednesday June 12, and raised \$5,787 and \$9,115 respectively!! Thanks so much to all who participated by contributing items for the block as well as bidding on and purchasing the 100+ items.



*Attendees peruse the Silent Auction tables between sessions.*



*Development Chair Dale Lehman runs the live auction at the annual appreciation reception Wednesday.*



*Donors enjoy the great food and fellowship at the reception.*

The ASFPM Foundation mission is to promote public policy through select strategic initiatives and serve as an incubator for long-term policy development that promotes sustainable floodplain and watershed management. Visit [ASFPM Foundation](http://www.asfpm.org) for more information.



## Floodplain Manager's Notebook

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Submit your own items or suggestions for future topics to column editor Rebecca Quinn, CFM, at [rcquinn@earthlink.net](mailto:rcquinn@earthlink.net). Comments welcomed!

I've recently learned that one of the clues you might be, um, shall we say "getting on in years," is how often you're asked how you came to know what you know. Experience, Grasshopper, experience. Experience and a willingness to always keep learning. Most floodplain managers who have been in this business for 20 years or more learned by bumbling around, talking to others, slogging our way through densely worded FEMA letters, and in the last decade or so – reading the growing number of FEMA guidance documents.

But all too often, I hear that people are too busy to read. That, paired with the lure of word searches in 100+ page documents, means too many people are missing too much.

When was the last time you read an NFIP technical bulletin start to finish? Even the longest ones are just 28 pages – and that includes diagrams and photographs!

How about the *Substantial Improvement / Substantial Damage Desk Reference* (FEMA P-758)? Have you read it? This manual is, hands-down, one of the most valuable that any floodplain manager can have, packing decades of FEMA guidance into just over 100 pages. I teach a 3 or 4 hour class on it. One of the first things I say to the class is that it's impossible to teach the entire manual in just a few hours. But it is possible to read it in about 4 hours ... "class, please turn to page 1." No, I don't make them sit there and just read, although that might actually yield the greater benefit.

I recently decided to put together a recommended reading list for newcomers to floodplain management. An introductory reading list isn't supposed to be the end-all, be-all, but should cover the basic knowledge that every federal, state, and local floodplain manager should have. We need to know the basics before we advise others. Remember, if what we tell a community official or a property owner is wrong, it's bad enough that people and property could be at risk, but property owners could end up paying for our lack of understanding through much higher flood insurance premiums. And here's another hint – right after a flood event is the wrong time to decide to learn the ABCs of floodplain management!

My first draft introductory reading list is shown below.

1. [NFIP Regulations](#): 44 CFR Part 59 (for some definitions in 59.1) and Part 60 (criteria for land management and use, specifically 60.1, .2, .3, .6, .11, .12, .13, .25, .26, which are the sections addressing land management, not those covering insurance and mapping)
2. [NFIP Technical Bulletins](#)
3. [Elevation Certificate](#) and [FEMA 467-1](#), Floodplain Management Bulletin: Elevation Certificate
4. [FEMA 480](#), NFIP Floodplain Management Requirements, A Study Guide and Desk Reference for Local Officials (several years old, be sure to pair with more recent guidance documents)
5. [FEMA P-758](#), SI/SD Desk Reference
6. [FEMA P-499](#), Homebuilder's Guide to Coastal Construction (lots of illustrations and content that's valuable in all flood zones, including riverine communities)
7. For those states and communities that enforce building codes, these documents are on the FEMA Building Science webpage for [Building Code Resources](#):
  - Flood Excerpts of the 2009/2012 I-Codes (and a checklist that shows how the I-Codes and ASCE 24 meet the minimum NFIP requirements for buildings)
  - Highlights of ASCE 24-05 (ASCE 24 is referenced by building codes, order it from the ASCE can be purchased from the [ASCE Store](#))
  - Flood Provisions of the International Code Series: Higher Standards and More Specific Requirements than the Minimum Requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (a paper that summarizes the provisions of the I-Codes that are more detailed or that exceed the NFIP minimums).

I'd appreciate your comments, suggestions for additions and priorities. And what do you think should be on the follow-on reading list for folks with more experience?

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## Washington Legislative Report

By: Meredith R. Inderfurth, ASFPM Washington Liaison

### Busy Legislative Season Before the August Recess



The Congress has been a busy place, both at the committee level and on the House and Senate floors. After development of legislation through hearings and staff work during the spring, there is a sense of urgency in some cases, or at least a sense of obligation to bring bills to the floor if they are to have a real chance of being considered during this legislative session. Once the Congress returns from the month long August recess, the focus will be on the approaching end of the fiscal year and the need to either finalize appropriations bills or resort to a Continuing Resolution again.

In this atmosphere, both House and Senate Appropriations Committees have almost completed mark-up of the regular appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2014 and four bills have passed the House – Homeland Security, Military Construction/Veterans, Defense and Energy & Water. The House Appropriations Committee has completed action on another 6 bills which are now ready for consideration on the House floor. The two remaining bills are Interior/Environment and Labor/HHS/Education. The Senate Appropriations Committee has now marked up all of its bills except Interior/Environment, but none have been brought to the Senate floor.

All would appear to be on track for a “regular order” appropriations process. However, there is an element of “smoke and mirrors” to this since there has been no agreement between the House and Senate on overall budget levels for FY 2014. Each body has passed a Budget Resolution, which does not have the force of law, but is used to guide appropriations. The budget resolution makes assumptions which form the basis for allocations to the Appropriations Subcommittees. When there is a \$90 billion difference between the House and Senate levels as is the case this year, the process of resolving differences between House and Senate bills is very difficult. Numbers in the bills in terms of actual anticipated outlays are complicated by sequestration. Unfortunately, this all sets up a situation which many expect will result in funding the government by Continuing Resolution.

When the Congress returns in September, it is likely that the House will attempt to pass either a full Farm Bill (after the bill was voted down in June) or portions of it along with another extension. Consideration of the House version of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) could take place by late September or early October, but will be vying for floor time with appropriations bills and a probable Continuing Resolution. The Senate has actually passed its WRDA and its Farm Bill. Some appropriations bills could reach the Senate floor in September although that process may be complicated because Senate Republicans have said that they will adhere to the House Budget Resolution’s levels, rather than the Senate’s.

### Appropriations

#### FEMA appropriations

ASFPM submitted Outside Witness Testimony to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees concerning the proposed FEMA budget. The testimony strongly supported additional funding for mapping (as the foundation for flood hazard mitigation and reduction of disaster-related costs to taxpayers) and restoration of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. The testimony is available on the ASFPM website.

#### House

The Homeland Security Appropriations bill passed the House on June 6 by a vote of 245-182. The bill number is H.R. 2217 and its accompanying committee report is H. Rept. 113-91.

There was some discussion during the debate about the value of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program, which, fortunately, did receive some funding despite a budget request of \$0. An amendment adding \$7.6 million for wildfire mitigation passed for a total of \$30.1 million for PDM. The budget request stated that there will be some further availability of competitive grant money due to carryover funds and the \$25 million appropriated for PDM in FY '13. FEMA has indicated it expects to conduct a completion for PDM funds in FY '14.

There was considerable debate about the difficulties associated with the “unintended consequences” of the flood insurance rate increases associated with Biggert-Waters. The House adopted an amendment by Rep. Cassidy (R-LA) delaying implementation for one year of Section 207 which involves increases related to map changes and removal of grandfathering. The entire Louisiana delegation cosponsored the bill and they were joined by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), who is the Waters in Biggert-Waters. Her support was, no doubt, significantly important.

The request for appropriated funds for RiskMAP was down again to \$84.4 million, but anticipated fee income to support mapping is projected to be higher, which would add up to a program level for FY '14 that would be approximately the same as FY '13. However, it is important to recognize both of those years are more than \$100 million below the 2010 funding level which, significantly impacts FEMA's ability to keep pace with mapping needs. The Appropriations bill provides \$95.2 million in appropriated funds.

The bill goes along with the budget request to establish a catastrophe reserve fund in the NFIP and supports the budget request for the Disaster Relief Fund of \$6.221 billion. Once again, the House Appropriations bill does not support the Administration request to meld state and local preparedness grants into a combined National Preparedness Grant program.

### Senate

The Senate Homeland Security Appropriations bill was marked up on July 18. Subcommittee Chairman Mary Landrieu (D-LA) included the House language delaying implementation of Section 207 of the Biggert-Waters legislation in the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations bill as well. The Senate bill retains the same number as the House bill, H.R. 2217, but its report is S. Rept. 113-77. That bill funds Pre-Disaster Mitigation at \$25 million and RiskMAP at \$95.2, the same as the House amount.

### Energy and Water

The Energy & Water Appropriations bill passed the House on July 10. The bill is H.R. 2609 and the report is H. Rept. 113-135. The Senate Committee reported its bill on June 27. That bill is S.1245 and the report is S. Rept. 113-47. The overall House bill appropriates \$4.3 billion less than the Senate bill and \$4 billion below the Administration's budget request.

For the Army Corps of Engineers, the House bill provides an increase of \$50 million over the budget request while the Senate bill provides \$546 million over the budget request. Both bills provided the budget request for Planning Assistance to States and Flood Plain Management Services, \$4 million and \$9.5 million respectively. The National Flood Risk Management Program was also funded at the budget request of \$5 million in both bills. The House bill provides \$1 million for the Water Resources Priorities Study while the Senate bill provides \$1.5 million for a combined Water Resources Priority Study and Civil Works Vulnerability Study. Language in the Senate bill calls for timely delivery of the report on alignment of Corps Inspection of Completed Works and NFIP levee accreditation for flood map purposes.

Both House and Senate committee reports contain language on levee vegetation policy, as follows:

#### House

*“For several years now, the Committee has heard from non-federal sponsors concerned that the Corps’ policy on vegetation on levees is overly proscriptive and inflexible and does not adequately take into account on-the-ground conditions. Some sponsors have highlighted requirements from the Corps that potentially conflict with requirements under the Endangered Species Act and under tribal treaty obligations. Some in the agricultural community have highlighted differing standards on the width of buffer zones between row crops and the base of a levee.*

*The Committee notes the Corps’ efforts to further understanding of the complex issues of vegetation on levees and levee safety more generally. These efforts include publication of a literature review in 2010, release of a four-volume research document in 2011, issuance of the System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) policy in 2011, and continued work to develop a policy guidance letter (Variance from Vegetation Standards for Levees and Floodwalls). The Committee encourages the Corps to maximize collaboration with non-federal*

*interests, including project sponsors and the agricultural community, and to give serious consideration to their concerns and proposals regarding flexibility, regional considerations, financial impacts, and decision criteria.”*

## Senate

*“The Committee is aware of the Corps’ updated draft policy regarding the consideration of vegetation variances for levees, and appreciates the work of Corps Districts and Divisions in working with affected levee sponsors and systems. The Committee is aware that the Engineer Research and Development Center completed an initial research effort to advance the Corps’ knowledge and understanding of the effects of woody vegetation on levees which indicated that minimal data exists on the scientific relationship between woody vegetation and levees. The Committee urges the Corps to continue to conduct additional scientific research on this topic. The Committee strongly encourages the Corps to take seriously its requirements under the Endangered Species Act and in meeting tribal treaty obligations, and to clarify how it will apply those considerations in the final vegetation variance policy.”*

The House report notes that although the White House Council on Environmental Quality released final Principles and Requirements for federal investments in water resources as well as draft Interagency Guidelines for public review and comment, the Administration did not request funds for implementation of these new documents. The Committee accordingly did not provide funds for this purpose and states that the “Corps shall continue to use the document dates March 10, 1983” during fiscal year 2014.

Under General Provisions, the reports states: “The bill contains a provision prohibiting funds from being used to develop or implement changes to certain definitions for the purposes of the Clean Water Act.” and “The bill contains a provision prohibiting funds from being used to implement revised guidance on determining jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act.”

The Senate report contains considerable language on the general subject of levee safety and residual risk.

## USGS

The overall budget request for USGS is \$1.2 billion which is \$98.8 million over the FY '12 enacted level. Increases are included for ecosystem restoration, water resources management, climate adaptation and earth observation systems such as streamgages. The budget requests an additional \$7.2 million to fund more than 400 streamgages in the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP). This is the fully federally funded “backbone” gage network. The budget request includes an increase of \$9 million for the 3-D Elevation Program (3DEP) to collect LIDAR data to coordinate with other agencies for a national LIDAR program.

ASFPM has sent letters to the House and Senate Interior Appropriations Committees expressing strong support for the increases for streamgages and elevation data.

It not clear at this point when the Interior Appropriations Subcommittees will mark up their bills.

## **Flood Insurance**

The variety of bills to freeze or lengthen the phase-in of implementation of subsidy removals pursuant to the Biggert-Waters legislation are still pending in the House and Senate committees with no action scheduled at present. Those bills are discussed in the legislative report in the May issue of “Insider”. ASFPM has provided committee and other Congressional staff with the association’s paper on affordability of flood insurance, which includes thoughts on ways to constructively address the legitimate affordability concerns.

A hearing on the NFIP, implementation of Biggert-Waters and premium affordability was scheduled for July but has been postponed until September so that FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate can be present to testify. Christine Shirley, Oregon NFIP Coordinator, is also scheduled to testify.

## **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)**

The Senate passed its WRDA bill in early May (S. 601). That measure is discussed in the legislative report in the May “Insider” as well as in the Legislative Report for the Annual Conference which is posted on the ASFPM website. S. 601 provided for a National Levee Safety Program, increased technical assistance to

states and local governments working to reduce flood risk, and reforms to P.L. 84-99 (the USACE Levee RIP), among other important flood risk provisions.

Meanwhile, the House has been holding a variety of roundtable discussions and hearings in the process of developing its WRDA. Because the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and its staff are very much aware that nearly half of the members of the House of Representatives had not yet been elected when the last WRDA (2007) was enacted, they have been promoting educational outreach for Members. ASFPM, NAFSMA (National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies), and TNC (The Nature Conservancy) conducted a briefing on WRDA and Flood Risk Management for Congressional staff and partner organizations on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The briefing was very well attended.

A draft WRDA will very likely be introduced in September, followed quickly by Committee action and House floor consideration. Chairman Shuster has indicated he will not introduce the bill until he is assured of floor time. Those assurances appeared to be in place as the House began its August recess.

### **Farm Bill**

Although the House and Senate Agriculture Committees marked up their separate bills on May 15 and May 14 respectively, the fates of the two bills have differed significantly.

The Senate bill (S. 954) passed on June 10<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 66-27. The Senate bill links conservation compliance to the crop insurance program and makes cuts to the food stamp program. It cuts that program by \$4 billion over 10 years.

The House bill (H.R. 1947) was widely expected to pass, but instead failed dramatically to a vote of 195-234. That bill did not tie conservation compliance to crop insurance and it cut the food stamp program by \$20.5 billion. Many Republicans felt the program should be cut further. The Republican leadership lost the support of many Democrats when amendments were passed to impose work requirements on food stamp recipients and to alter a dairy program. Sixty-two Republicans voted against the bill as well.

Now there is consternation over how to deal with the farm programs and issues. Some want to try to pass a re-written full Farm Bill with only Republican support before the August recess, while others want to split the portion of the bill dealing with nutrition programs off and consider two bills. Others suggest a one year extension of the existing farm bill, with no reform. There are a variety of strategies being discussed. Senate leader Harry Reid has said the Senate will not agree to another one year extension.

### **FEMA Re-authorization**

A hearing will be held in September by the House Transportation & Infrastructure's subcommittee on emergency management on re-authorization of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as well as a number of issues primarily focused on disaster preparedness and recovery. ASFPM leadership met recently with subcommittee staff and will prepare written testimony. A later hearing specifically on mitigation programs is a possibility for this fall.

### **NOAA Digital Coast**

ASFPM is a partner in NOAA's Digital Coast project along with the National Association of Counties, the American Planning Association, the Coastal States Organization, The Nature Conservancy, The Urban Land Institute, the National States Geographic Information Council and the National Estuarine Research Reserve Association. The Digital Coast Act (H.R. 1382) has been introduced by Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) and Rep. Don Young (R-AK). Chad Berginnis, ASFPM Executive Director, and Allison Hardin, Floodplain Manager for Myrtle Beach, S.C., will participate in a briefing about the Digital Coast project for Congressional staff on July 8.

*All referenced legislation can be found by going to: <http://thomas.loc.gov> and typing in the bill number or title.*

## Flood Insurance Committee Corner

### Biggert-Water 2012 (BW-12) . . . . The Continuing Update

First, for those who had not heard, the Insurance Committee has strengthened its leadership. We are a mighty force of three now. Gary Heinrichs, who has been a Co-Chair for the past few years with Bruce Bender, will be transitioning out of that role and into a role of Liaison. Graciously stepping in as the new Co-Chair with Bruce will be John Gerber, the NFIP State Coordinator from the great state of North Carolina. Given all that is happening with BW-12 and other insurance-related issues, we need all the great minds we can get!

Speaking of BW-12, we do not mean to turn this column into a BW-12 column, but there are some more items to update you on. As you probably know by now, FEMA will be implementing more changes related to Section 100205 on October 1, 2013. These changes will affect not only pre-FIRM subsidized policies going forward, but also those newly written since July 6, 2012 when BW-12 was passed.

WYO companies and the NFIP-Direct will be sending out letters to policyholders at least 60 days prior to renewal date to announce rate changes to affected policyholders. The letters will explain that BW-12 requires the phase out of subsidized rates and that their policy has been identified as one of the following:

- New pre-FIRM subsidized policy written with an effective date on or after July 6, 2012
- Pre-FIRM subsidized policy written as new business, or existing policy assigned to a new owner as a result of a property purchase on or after July 6, 2012
- Pre-FIRM subsidized policy that had lapsed and been reinstated on or after October 4, 2012

As a result, their insurance agent will have to submit a renewal application using full-risk rates. This means the policyholder will need to supply an Elevation Certificate along with other documentation and the new premium before the policy expires. If not, the agent will have the option to rate using NFIP's very high tentative rates to keep the policy from expiring. Either way, we wanted to alert you to be prepared for calls when those letters begin to go out soon. For more details about the process and the letter, download the [NFIP Bulletin](#). Also, continue to visit [www.FEMA.gov/BW12](http://www.FEMA.gov/BW12) to see the latest information that FEMA has posted; they are constantly updating it. And finally, we have posted a version of the BW-12 presentation done by FEMA during the late afternoon Town Hall during the ASFPM Conference in June. You can [download](#) that from the Flood Insurance Committee section of the ASFPM website.

--Your Humble [Insurance Committee Co-Chairs](#)  
Bruce Bender & John Gerber  
Liaison Gary Heinrichs

*This column is produced by the ASFPM Insurance Committee. Send your questions about flood insurance issues to [InsuranceCorner@floods.org](mailto:InsuranceCorner@floods.org) and they will be addressed in future issues of the newsletter.*

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### National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) BW-12 Page Updates

Recently posted to ASFPM's [NFIP Reform Act Implementation Webpage](#)

[ASFPM Recommendations on 2012 NFIP Reform flood insurance affordability issues](#)

[ASFPM Report: "Flood Mapping for the Nation"](#)

[FEMA Website on Biggert-Waters](#)

[EMForum.org presentation on BW12](#)

[FEMA WYO Bulletin - Lender Exception](#)

[FEMA WYO Bulletin](#)

[PowerPoint: FEMA on Sec 205 Impacts](#)

[Fact Sheet: Section 205 and 207 Subsidy Phaseout](#)

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2014 ASFPM National Conference

June 1-6, 2014  
Seattle, Washington  
*Making Room for Floods & Fish!*



The ASFPM annual national conferences are recognized as the most important floodplain conference in the United States year after year. With more than 100 speakers, 80 exhibitors, and over 1200 participants, they are the national conferences all community, state and federal floodplain managers plan to attend. And because of that, many of the most important consulting firms and product vendors associated with floodplain management attend.

Please note the following Key Dates:

- September – “Call for Presenters” is issued
- October 31, 2014 – “Call for Presenters” deadline
- January – Program unfolds on the conference web page
- March – Conference Registration opens

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### Chapter Corner

See [ASFPM Chapter Communications](#) to access the ASFPM Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Chapters.

If you've ever wanted to see the FEMA 4-day 273 course "**Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP**" offered in your state - now you can! ASFPM is seeking interested Chapters / States who would like to co-host a 4-day 273 course in their state with ASFPM. Registration for each course will be limited to 35 attendees. There will be no charge for attendees to participate in the course. Co-host responsibilities and details can be found in the application form below.

Courses will be held October 1 through December 31, 2013. Additional course cycles will be offered in 2014, so if your application isn't accepted for this fall, there will be other opportunities - dates will be announced in late 2013 for 2014 course dates. ASFPM is currently accepting applications of interest through September 1, 2013, from Chapters and States who would like to co-host this course in their state. After you have completed the online application, be sure to email your letter of support from the Chapter Chair and/or State Office to [Kait@floods.org](mailto:Kait@floods.org) by September 1, 2013.

[Co-Host Online Application Form](#) **Deadline: September 1, 2013**

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### Patagonia Grants Proposal—Deadline: August 31

Patagonia funds environmental work that approaches issues with a commitment to long-term change. Patagonia supports small, grassroots, activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect our environment. They help local groups working to protect local habitat, and think the individual battles to protect a specific stand of forest, stretch of river or indigenous wild species are the most effective in raising more complicated issues – particularly those of biodiversity and ecosystem protection – in the public mind. Patagonia is looking for creative methods to engage communities to take action, with specific goals that go beyond education and awareness. Typical Grant Range is up to \$12,000. <http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>

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## Job Corner

**ASFPM is hiring a Public Information Officer** to produce our newsletters, provide copyediting for our reports and publications, and develop and execute our social media strategy in order to maximize the visibility of ASFPM and ensure the connectedness of our members. This is a full time position located in the Executive Office in Madison, Wisconsin. Resumes with a cover letter highlighting relevant qualifications and experience are being accepted through September 1. Please see the full position description in our [Job Corner](#), it is currently sixth down the page. Questions may be directed to Diane Brown, Outreach and Events Manager, at [diane@floods.org](mailto:diane@floods.org) or 608-828-6324.

*For more info and to see the most up-to-date job listings, please visit the online [ASFPM Job Corner](#).*

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## Floodplain Management Training Calendar

For a full nationwide listing of Chapter, State, and Partner training opportunities, please take a moment to visit the [ASFPM Online Calendar](#).

Are you looking for training opportunities to earn CECs for your CFM? If so, be sure to check out our web calendar, which already has LOTS of training opportunities listed for 2012! You can search the calendar by state using the directions below. Or you can use the category drop down menu to search by category.



Go to the calendar and click on the search feature icon at the top of the calendar. Type your state's initials in parenthesis (for example "(WI)") into the search field and it will pull all the events (training, conferences, etc.) that are currently listed on the calendar for your state. What a great way to find upcoming training for CECs! The only events without a state listed in the event title are EMI courses which are all held in Emmitsburg, MD.

### Upcoming ASFPM Events – Mark your Calendar!

- Oct. 15-18, 2013 – 13<sup>th</sup> Triennial ASFPM Arid Regions Conference – Scottsdale AZ
- June 1-6, 2014 – ASFPM 38<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference – Seattle WA
- May 31 – June 5, 2015 – ASFPM 39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference – Atlanta GA

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