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## **PRESS RELEASE OCTOBER 23, 2024**

### **Flood Insurance Rate Map Appeal Period Begins This Week**

(SISKIYOU COUNTY, Calif.) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Siskiyou County and the Cities of Fort Jones, Greenview, Etna, Callahan, Quartz Valley Area, (General Scott Valley Area). These flood hazard determinations include adding or modifying Base Flood Elevations (BFE), Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, and the regulatory floodways. Prior to the revised FIRM panels becoming effective, there is a 90-day appeal period from October 23, 2024, to January 21, 2025. During that time, residents or businesses with supporting technical and scientific information, such as detailed hydraulic or hydrologic data, can appeal the revised flood risk information on the preliminary maps. These maps can be viewed at <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload/>

Flood hazards are dynamic and can change frequently for many reasons, including weather patterns, erosion and community development. These changes may affect future building standards or insurance requirements. The revised flood maps can also help building officials, contractors and homeowners make effective mitigation decisions, thereby contributing to safer and more disaster-resilient communities. FEMA encourages residents to review the preliminary flood maps to learn about local flood risks, potential future flood insurance requirements and identify any concerns or questions about the information provided.

If you live in the cities of Fort Jones and Etna, please contact your local floodplain administrator for comments. If you would like to submit an appeal or comment regarding the preliminary map in the unincorporated parts of the county, you may contact the Siskiyou County Community Development Department at (530) 841-2100 (main office line) or [siskiyoucommunitydevelopment@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:siskiyoucommunitydevelopment@co.siskiyou.ca.us).

For more information, please visit [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp). You may also contact the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll-free: 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) to ask about the National Flood Insurance Program, flood insurance, or flood hazard mapping. FMIX also connects customers with experts in subjects like modeling, GIS mapping, insurance underwriting and claims, and the HAZUS loss-estimation software.

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