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News Release

Proposed Delta County Flood Map Reflects Changes to Local Flood Risk, Insurance Rates

DENVER – Flood insurance rate map updates for Delta County, Colorado are nearing completion. The new maps will provide Delta County, the City of Delta, and the Towns of Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, Orchard City, and Paonia with more accurate flood risk information that can help local officials and residents make informed decisions about reducing flood risks and purchasing flood insurance.

The mapping project is a joint effort between Delta County, incorporated Communities, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). It is part of a nationwide effort led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to increase local knowledge of flood risks and support actions to address and reduce those risks.

Before new flood insurance rate maps become effective, there is a 90-day appeal period during which local residents and business owners can provide additional data for consideration before the maps are final. This appeal period starts on January 22 and 23, 2025 and ends April 22 and 23, 2025. Note that the Town of Crawford has no effective or new flood maps, so no appeal period will take place for that community.

Officials encourage residents and business owners to review the proposed flood insurance rate maps to learn about flood risks, potential future flood insurance requirements, and raise any concerns or questions about the information provided.

Appeal packages may be submitted during the 90-day appeal period. The sole basis of the appeal must include proof of the possession of knowledge or information indicating that the proposed flood hazard determinations are scientifically and/or technically incorrect.

Preliminary mapping may be viewed on FEMA's Map Service Center by visiting <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload>. For questions, please contact your local floodplain administrator.

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