

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2018-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1841]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before October 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location https://www.fema.gov/preliminary_floodhazarddata and the respective

Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1841, to Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are

provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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Community	Community map repository address
Hill County, Texas and Incorporated Areas Project: 14-06-1543S Preliminary Date: February 15, 2018	
City of Abbott	City Hall, 208 East Walnut Street, Abbott, TX 76621.
City of Covington	City Hall, 402 Gathings Avenue, Covington, TX 76636.
City of Hillsboro	Community Development Department, 214 East Elm Street, Hillsboro, TX 76645.
City of Itasca	City Hall, 134 North Hill Street, Itasca, TX 76055.
Unincorporated Areas of Hill County	Hill County Courthouse, John W. Erwin Annex, 200 East Franklin Street, Suite 9, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

Community	Community map repository address
McLennan County, Texas and Incorporated Areas Project: 14-06-1543S Preliminary Date: February 15, 2018	
City of Bellmead	City Hall, 3015 Bellmead Drive, Bellmead, TX 76705.
City of Hallsburg	City Hall, 1115 Wilbanks Drive, Hallsburg, TX 76705.
City of Hewitt	Planning and Community Development, 103 North Hewitt Drive, Suite E, Hewitt, TX 76643.
City of Lacy-Lakeview	City Hall, 501 East Craven Avenue, Lacy-Lakeview, TX 76705.
City of Leroy	City Hall, 10 East Commerce Street, Leroy, TX 76654.
City of Riesel	City Hall, 104 North Highway 6, Riesel, TX 76682.
City of Robinson	City Hall, 111 West Lyndale Drive, Robinson, TX 76706.
City of Ross	Ross City Hall, 1557 Ross Road, Elm Mott, TX 76640.
City of Waco	Dr. Mae Jackson Development Center, 401 Franklin Avenue, Waco, TX 76701.
City of West	City Hall, 110 North Reagan Street, West, TX 76691.
Unincorporated Areas of McLennan County	McLennan County Records Building, 215 North 5th Street, Room 130, Waco, TX 76701.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Draft Long-Range Transportation Plans for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Lands in Regions 2, 6, and 8

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of three draft long-range transportation plans for public review and comment. These draft long-range transportation plans outline strategies for improving and maintaining transportation assets that provide access to Service-managed lands in Region 2 (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas), Region 6 (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming), and Region 8 (California and Nevada) over the next 20 years.

DATES: We must receive written comments on or before August 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: *Document Review:* If you wish to review these draft plans, you may obtain copies by visiting the following websites:

- *Region 2:* <https://ecos.fws.gov/ServCat/Reference/Profile/87706>
- *Region 6:* <https://ecos.fws.gov/ServCat/Reference/Profile/87709>
- *Region 8:* <https://ecos.fws.gov/ServCat/Reference/Profile/87710>

Alternatively, you may contact Laura Whorton, Acting Transportation Branch

Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041 (phone: 703-358-1752).

Submitting Comments: If you wish to comment on any or all of the plans, you may submit your comments in writing by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail:* Acting Transportation Branch Chief, at the above address.
- *Hand-delivery:* Acting Transportation Branch Chief Analyst, at the above address.
- *Fax:* 703-358-1752.
- *Email:* laura_whorton@fws.gov.

For additional information about submitting comments, see the **Public Availability of Comments** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Whorton, at the above address, phone number, or email.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we make the draft long-range transportation plans (LRTPs) for Regions 2, 6, and 8 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service available for public review and comment. When finalized, the LRTPs will apply to Service-managed lands in Region 2 (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas), Region 6 (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming), and Region 8 (California and Nevada).

Background

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94) requires that all Federal land management agencies conduct long-range transportation planning in a manner that is consistent with metropolitan planning organizations and State departments of transportation planning. We initiated these LRTPs to bring the Service into compliance with

the FAST Act and to achieve the following goals:

- Establish a defensible structure for sound transportation planning and decision-making;
- Establish a vision, mission, goals, and objectives for transportation planning in each of these three Service Regions;
- Implement coordinated and cooperative transportation partnerships in an effort to improve the Service's transportation infrastructure;
- Integrate transportation planning and funding for national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries into existing and future Service management plans and strategies;
- Increase awareness of alternative transportation systems and associated benefits;
- Develop best management practices for transportation improvements on Service lands; and
- Serve as a pilot project for the implementation of a region-level transportation planning process within the Service.

LRTP Mission, Goals, and Objectives

Through a collaborative effort, the National Wildlife Refuge System and the Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program, in cooperation with the planning and visitor services programs within these three Regions, have contributed to defining the mission, goals, and objectives presented in this document. The resulting mission, goals, and objectives are intended to provide a systematic approach to guide the process for evaluating and selecting transportation improvement programs for the Service lands in these Regions. These guiding principles have shaped the development, conclusions, and recommendations of these LRTPs. While each Region's specific mission, vision,