



## Skagit County Preliminary Flood Maps to be Re-Issued

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SEATTLE – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that it intends to re-issue the recently released preliminary flood insurance maps for Skagit County, Wash., because of problems in those maps.

Preliminary maps are provided in advance to communities, inviting their review and seeking their assistance in catching technical and mapping issues before the product enters the official appeals process. Local government officials brought mapping and cartography issues to the attention of the agency. While FEMA remains confident in the underlying flood hazard data, the issues being brought forward are troubling and warrant the reissuance of the maps.

"FEMA's intention is to produce the most accurate flood insurance maps possible," said Dennis Hunsinger, Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 10. "We regret the problems in these maps and will resolve these issues before the maps are finalized."

Once maps have been accurately redrawn, FEMA will release a revised preliminary flood insurance map for Skagit County and restart the public feedback process. When finalized, the maps will be used for flood insurance, land use planning and development decisions.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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