National Flood Insurance Program - Endangered Species Act Integration in OregonDraft Environmental Impact Statement and Updated Draft Implementation Plan



Share your comments by October 6

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and updated Draft Implementation Plan for NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program)-ESA (Endangered Species Act) Integration in Oregon. Public comments can be submitted from August 22 to October 6, 2025. Communities, agencies, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft EIS and updated Draft Implementation Plan. Please share your comments on the alternatives and their potential benefits and impacts on people, endangered species, and the environment. Comments on the Draft EIS should be specific and inform the Agency's selection among the alternatives.

What's happening in the Oregon plan area?

FEMA is analyzing potential changes to how the NFIP is implemented in the Oregon plan area to comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

Potential changes include:

- No net loss standards for development to avoid or mitigate adverse impacts to three floodplain functions.
- Additional vegetation requirements for non-water dependent use in the Riparian Buffer Zone.
- Changes to reporting requirements for NFIPparticipating communities.



Oregon Plan Area

No net loss requires that adverse impacts must be avoided or offset through mitigation so that there is no net change in the habitat function from the authorized existing condition (i.e., from when a floodplain permit application is submitted).

Learn more and share your comments!

The <u>project website</u> contains the Draft EIS, the updated Draft Implementation Plan, other documents, information about public meetings, a <u>link to a virtual room</u>, and ways to comment.

Public meetings are required to be accessible to people with disabilities. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be present at the meetings.

Comments must be submitted by October 6 in one of the following ways:

- **Email:** fema-r10-or-nfip-esa-integration@fema.dhs.gov
- Verbally at a public meeting
- Online comment form: https://tinyurl.com/FEMA-OR-EIS-Comment
- Mail: NFIP OR-EIS, FEMA, Region 10, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021
- Fax: 425-775-7560 Attention: FEMA NFIP OR EIS

FEMA will consider all input received during the Draft EIS public review and comment period. Following the public review and comment period on the Draft EIS, FEMA will develop a Final EIS, identify a preferred alternative, and publish a Record of Decision to conclude the NEPA process.



Visit the project website to learn more!