



# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

September 12, 2013

THE HONORABLE JEFF BURROWS  
CHAIR, RAVALLI COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
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HAMILTON, MT 59840

CASE NO.: 13-08-1136A  
COMMUNITY: RAVALLI COUNTY, MONTANA  
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)  
COMMUNITY NO.: 300061

DEAR MR. BURROWS:

This is in reference to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) determine if the property described in the enclosed document is located within an identified *Special Flood Hazard Area*, the area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood), on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. Using the information submitted and the effective NFIP map, our determination is shown on the attached Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Floodway Determination Document. This determination document provides additional information regarding the effective NFIP map, the legal description of the property and our determination.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding the subject property and LOMRs. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are enclosed. Other attachments specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination/Comment document. If you have any questions about this letter or any of the enclosures, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605.

Sincerely,

Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief  
Engineering Management Branch  
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

**LIST OF ENCLOSURES:**

LOMR-FW DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

cc: State/Commonwealth NFIP Coordinator  
Community Map Repository  
Region  
Mr. Jay Estus

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Ravalli County Commissioners

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## LETTER OF MAP REVISION FLOODWAY DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

COMMUNITY AND MAP PANEL INFORMATION		LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
COMMUNITY	RAVALLI COUNTY, MONTANA (Unincorporated Areas)	A portion of Section 1, Township 10 North, Range 20 West, Principal Meridian of Montana, as described in the Warranty Deed (Joint Tenancy) recorded as Document No. 454062, in Book 231, Page 103, in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, Ravalli County, Montana.  The portion of property is more particularly described by the following metes and bounds:
	COMMUNITY NO.: 300061	
AFFECTED MAP PANEL	NUMBER: 30081C0035C DATE: 9/7/1998	
FLOODING SOURCE: BITTERROOT RIVER		APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE OF PROPERTY: 46.656, -114.056 SOURCE OF LAT & LONG: GOOGLE EARTH PRO DATUM: NAD 83

### DETERMINATION

LOT	BLOCK/ SECTION	SUBDIVISION	STREET	OUTCOME WHAT IS REMOVED FROM THE SFHA	FLOOD ZONE	1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD ELEVATION (NAVD 88)	LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE ELEVATION (NAVD 88)	LOWEST LOT ELEVATION (NAVD 88)
--	--	--	5786 Ellison Lane	Portion of Property	X (shaded)	3196.0 feet	--	3196.0 feet

**Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)** - The SFHA is an area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood).

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS** (Please refer to the appropriate section on Attachment 1 for the additional considerations listed below.)

LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION  
INADVERTENT INCLUSION FLOODWAY 1  
STUDY UNDERWAY

This document provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's determination regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision for the property described above. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we have determined that the described portion(s) of the property(ies) is/are not located in the NFIP regulatory floodway or the SFHA, an area inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This document revises the effective NFIP map to remove the subject property from the NFIP regulatory floodway and the SFHA located on the effective NFIP map; therefore, the Federal mandatory flood insurance requirement does not apply. However, the lender has the option to continue the flood insurance requirement to protect its financial risk on the loan. A Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) is available for buildings located outside the SFHA. Information about the PRP and how one can apply is enclosed.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605.

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### ATTACHMENT 1 (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS)

#### LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

COMMENCING at the North quarter-corner of Section 1; thence S00°13'57"E, 1823.16 feet; thence N04°53'50"E, 135.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N08°37'12"E, 54.91 feet; thence N49°07'32"E, 34.59 feet; thence S74°16'24"E, 29.27 feet; thence S13°45'25"W, 83.51 feet; thence N74°08'37"W, 44.39 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

#### INADVERTENT INCLUSION IN THE FLOODWAY 1 (PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY REMAIN IN THE FLOODWAY) (This Additional Consideration applies to the preceding 1 Property.)

A portion of this property is located within the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulatory floodway for the flooding source indicated on the Determination Document, while the subject of this determination is not. The NFIP regulatory floodway is the area that must remain unobstructed in order to prevent unacceptable increases in base flood elevations. Therefore, no construction may take place in an NFIP regulatory floodway that may cause an increase in the base flood elevation, and any future construction or substantial improvement on the property remains subject to Federal, State/Commonwealth, and local regulations for floodplain management. The NFIP regulatory floodway is provided to the community as a tool to regulate floodplain development. Therefore, the NFIP regulatory floodway modification described in the Determination Document, while acceptable to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), must also be acceptable to the community and adopted by appropriate community action, as specified in Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations. Any proposed revision to the NFIP regulatory floodway must be submitted to FEMA by community officials. The community should contact either the Regional Director (for those communities in Regions I-IV, and VI-X), or the Regional Engineer (for those communities in Region V) for guidance on the data which must be submitted for a revision to the NFIP regulatory floodway. Contact information for each regional office can be obtained by calling the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or from our web site at <http://www.fema.gov/about/regoff.htm>.

#### STUDY UNDERWAY (This Additional Consideration applies to all properties in the LOMR-FW DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL))

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is currently revising the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map for the community. New flood data could be generated that may affect this property. When the new NFIP map is issued it will supersede this determination. The Federal requirement for the purchase of flood insurance will then be based on the newly revised NFIP map.

This attachment provides additional information regarding this request. If you have any questions about this attachment, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605.

  
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING LETTERS OF MAP AMENDMENT

When making determinations on requests for Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) bases its determination on the flood hazard information available at the time of the determination. Requesters should be aware that flood conditions may change or new information may be generated that would supersede FEMA's determination. In such cases, the community will be informed by letter.

Requesters also should be aware that removal of a property (parcel of land or structure) from the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) means FEMA has determined the property is not subject to inundation by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This does not mean the property is not subject to other flood hazards. The property could be inundated by a flood with a magnitude greater than the base flood or by localized flooding not shown on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map.

The effect of a LOMA is it removes the Federal requirement for the lender to require flood insurance coverage for the property described. The LOMA *is not* a waiver of the condition that the property owner maintain flood insurance coverage for the property. *Only* the lender can waive the flood insurance purchase requirement because the lender imposed the requirement. *The property owner must request and receive a written waiver from the lender before canceling the policy.* The lender may determine, on its own as a business decision, that it wishes to continue the flood insurance requirement to protect its financial risk on the loan.

The LOMA provides FEMA's comment on the mandatory flood insurance requirements of the NFIP as they apply to a particular property. A LOMA is not a building permit, nor should it be construed as such. Any development, new construction, or substantial improvement of a property impacted by a LOMA must comply with all applicable State and local criteria and other Federal criteria.

If a lender releases a property owner from the flood insurance requirement, and the property owner decides to cancel the policy and seek a refund, the NFIP will refund the premium paid for the current policy year, provided that no claim is pending or has been paid on the policy during the current policy year. The property owner must provide a written waiver of the insurance requirement from the lender to the property insurance agent or company servicing his or her policy. The agent or company will then process the *refund request*.

Even though structures are not located in an SFHA, as mentioned above, they could be flooded by a flooding event with a greater magnitude than the base flood. In fact, more than 25 percent of all claims paid by the NFIP are for policies for structures located outside the SFHA in Zones B, C, X (shaded), or X (unshaded). More than one-fourth of all policies purchased under the NFIP protect structures located in these zones. The risk to structures located outside SFHAs is just not as great as the risk to structures located in SFHAs. Finally, approximately 90 percent of all federally declared disasters are caused by flooding, and homeowners insurance does not provide financial protection from this flooding. Therefore, FEMA encourages the widest possible coverage under the NFIP.