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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

11:00 am —5 pm: Conference Lobby

Registration Desk Open

1 pm — 5 pm: JUNIPER

Optional training session, included with registration

Floodplain Administration Roles and Responsibilities: Everything You Need to Know to Get Started as an FPA

This training session, led by the WA, OR, AK, and ID State NFIP Coordinators, will cover NFIP background, permitting, reading FIRMs, Elevation Certificates, inspections and compliance, recordkeeping, the tools and resources an FPA will use in their work, and communicating risk to the public and elected officials. It will cover the foundational information that an FPA needs to know for their day-to-day duties and provide resources for them to continue their learning.

Sponsor Booth Setup: Tuesday after 11 am, ASPEN

5 pm—6 pm: JUNIPER

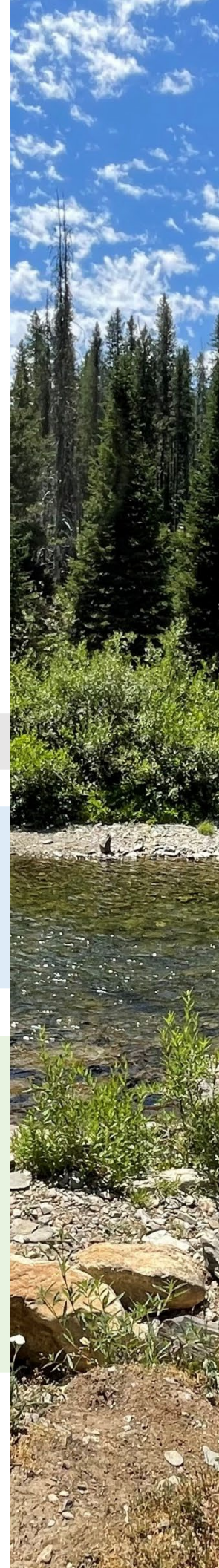
New Member and New Floodplain Administrator Welcome

Meet-and-greet welcome for our new members, new conference attendees, and new floodplain administrators!

6 pm—9 pm: RIVER'S EDGE TERRACE

Welcome Social

- ◆ Join us for a Basque-themed dinner on the terrace!
- ◆ Dinner and two drink tickets included
- ◆ Please visit the registration desk before arriving for your nametag, tickets, and swag!





Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:30 am—5 pm: Conference Lobby

Registration Desk Open

7:30 am—8:30 am: GRAND BALLROOM

Buffet Breakfast



8:30 am—8:45 am: GRAND BALLROOM

Welcome and Introduction



Christina Wollman, NORFMA President (Ardurra)
Lynn Schmidt, NORFMA Vice President (WA Ecology)

8:45 am—9:45 am: GRAND BALLROOM

Plenary Session

Mitigation and Risk Rating 2.0: Understanding mitigation's impact on flood insurance premiums and as a driver for smarter decisions - *Bradley Hubbard, National Flood Experts.*

9:45 am – 10:15 am

Break Time – Please visit our sponsors in ASPEN



- ◆ Snacks, coffee, and water provided

10:15 am—11:45 am

State Breakout Sessions

Network with conference attendees living and working in your state, get updates from the State NFIP and Emergency Management offices, and discuss specific challenges and opportunities in your area.

- ◆ **WA & BC – NORTH STAR**
- ◆ **OR – CINNABAR**
- ◆ **ID – LIBERTY**
- ◆ **AK – HOTEL LOBBY (WALKING TO GRINDZ COFFEE)**

12 pm—1:15 pm: GRAND BALLROOM

Buffet Luncheon

Keynote Speaker

- ◆ Risk-Informed Floodplain Management: Characteristics, Data, and Benefits – *Andrew Bonner, AECOM*

For decades, traditional floodplain management has been based on a simple mapping approach: Select one storm (1% annual chance or 100-yr flood), create one engineering model, and produce one map. While this has helped, it was never meant to tell the whole story. This presentation will highlight the opportunities that comprehensive flood hazard and risk data provide in supporting wise land use decision-making and shifting to a floodplain management approach that is risk-informed.

1:30 pm—3 pm

Concurrent Session A – NORTH STAR

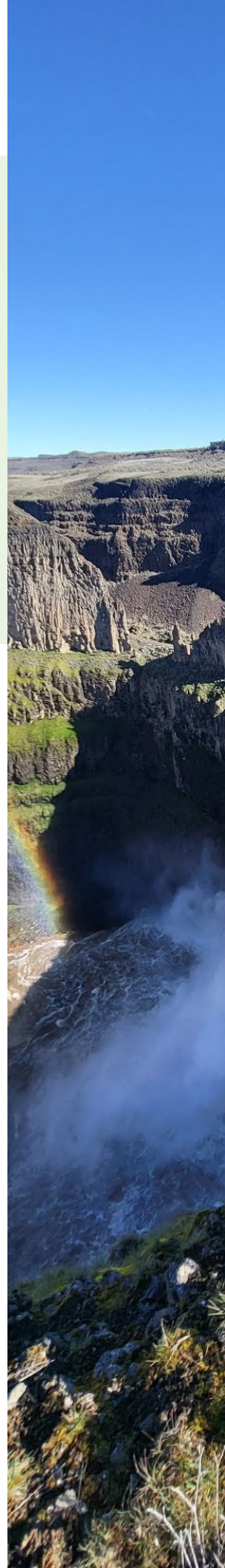
- ◆ Lessons from a Geomorphically Active Floodplain: Integrating Hydrogeomorphic Hazards and Process Corridors on the North Fork Stillaguamish River - *Andrew Nelson, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants and Harry Richardson, Snohomish County*
- ◆ Applying Channel Migration Zone Analysis to Inform Resilient Wastewater Outfall Relocation on the Tanana River - *Kacy Grundhauser and Mike Rotar, RESPEC*
- ◆ Watershed Resilience Planning in NE Oregon - *Luke Johnson, River Fluent*

Concurrent Session B – CINNABAR

- ◆ King County December 2025 Flooding- *Dan Brubaker, King County, WA*
- ◆ Risk-Informed Levee Alternatives in Coastal Oregon - *Eric Zgonina, HDR and Lehi Dowell, CCD Business Development Corporation*
- ◆ Closing the Gaps: How Technical Detailing Enhances Flood Resistance - *Matt Gilbertson, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger*

Concurrent Session C – LIBERTY

- ◆ Coexisting with Idaho's Wildest Waters: USACE's Collaborative Approach to Flood Risk, Levees, and Emergency Preparedness – *Russ Lodge, Tracy Krause, Rob Herres, and Kevan Schneidmiller, USACE*



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- ◆ Building A Community of Practice for Local Floodplain Managers - *Krystal Kyer and Greta Holmstrom, Pierce County Planning and Public Works*
 - ◆ Ordinance updates, oh my! - *Katy Vanderpool, King County, WA*

Break Time – Please visit our sponsors in ASPEN

- ◆ Snacks, coffee, and water provided.



3:30 pm—5 pm

Concurrent Session D – NORTH STAR

- ◆ Integrated Floodplain Permitting Tools for Habitat and Public Benefit Projects – *Kas Guillozet, Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Casey Kramer, Natural Waters*
- ◆ Strategies for getting through the C/LOMR Process (30 min. presentation and 30 min. discussion session) - *Molly Lawrence, Van Ness Feldman and Chris Frei, Watershed Science and Engineering*

Concurrent Session E – CINNABAR

- ◆ Pre-Fire Flood and Debris Flow Risk Assessments in Eastern Washington - *Amanda Richardson and Lynn Schmidt, Ecology*
- ◆ Understanding & Communicating Post-Fire Flood Risk (60 min.) - *Megan Brotherton and Rob Flaner, Black & Veatch*

Concurrent Session F – LIBERTY

- ◆ Flood Risk Mitigation on North Fork Ash Creek: Complexities, Challenges, and Solutions - *Jordan Kayser, Jacobs*
- ◆ Boise River Flood Control District No. 10's Channel Maintenance Plan - *Mike Schubert, HDR and Mark Zirschky, Boise River Flood Control District No. 10*
- ◆ Where are the wetlands? Operationalizing Wetland Intrinsic Potential (WIP) as a foundational layer for floodplain and flood risk management - *Lauren Kuehne, TealWaters*

5:30 pm — 8:30 pm

Networking Event

BOISE ZOO

WEAR CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR DINING AND WALKING OUTDOORS

- ◆ You must bring your nametag to confirm your full conference registration for participation in the event.
- ◆ Dinner and drink tickets included.
- ◆ *Guest tickets may be purchased with conference registration.*
- ◆ Bus transportation will be provided to and from the facility. Pickup at the hotel will start at 5:15 PM. Shuttles will be provided until 9:00 PM.

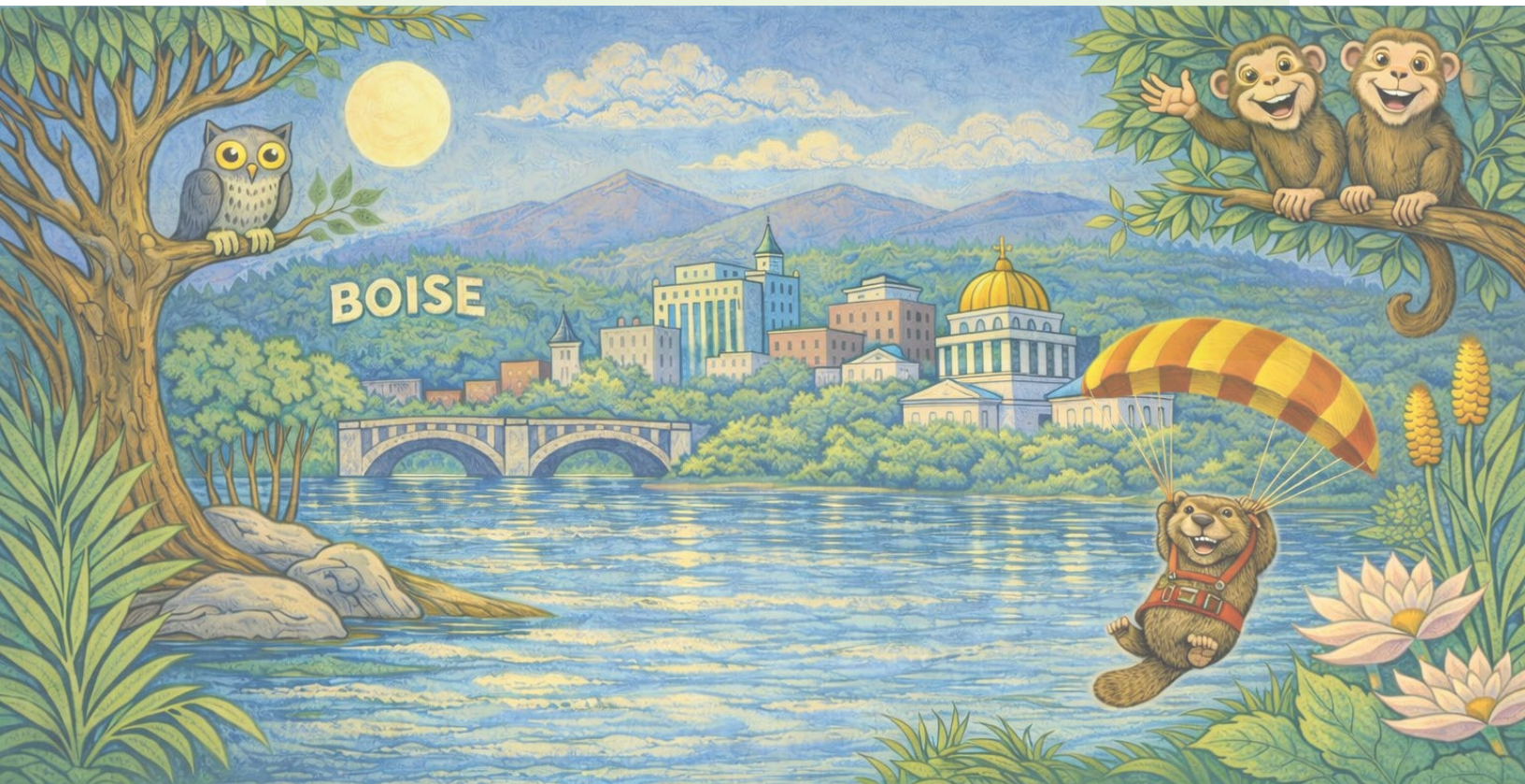
Zoo activities and food:

After-hours access to Zoo Boise with over 100 animal species

Dinner: Tropical Paradise

Conservation Cruise

Zoo Farm





Thursday, September 17, 2026

7:30 am—noon Conference Lobby

Registration Desk Open

7:30 am—8:45 am: GRAND BALLROOM

Buffet Breakfast and Welcome Message

8:45 am—10 am: GRAND BALLROOM

Plenary Session

- ◆ ASFPM Updates – *Peter Jackson, ASFPM Region 10 Director*
- ◆ FEMA Updates– *Soumya Sagarika and Dennis Jeney Jr, FEMA*
- ◆ Not every effort needs the same hammer: A tale of 3 stream restoration efforts on the East Gallatin River - *Heather Nold and Julia Lindgren, HDR*

10 am – 10:30 am

Break Time – Please visit our sponsors in ASPEN

- ◆ Snacks, coffee, and water provided

10:30 am — 12 pm

Concurrent Session G – NORTH STAR

- ◆ Update on Status of Efforts to Integrate the ESA into the NFIP (60 min.) – *Molly Lawrence, Van Ness Feldman and Sarah Absher, Tillamook County, OR*
- ◆ Lessons from Growth Management and Flood Risk in Washington - *Spencer Easton, SCJ Alliance*

Session H – CINNABAR

- ◆ Fast Runs, Solid Answers: Knowing When Quasi Steady is Enough in HEC RAS 2D- *Bryan Close, Stantec*
- ◆ LifeSim for Risk-Informed Floodplain Management - *Calista Moore and Kelly Flint, HDR*
- ◆ Planning for the Unknown Flood: Practical Flood Frequency Methods in Data-Sparse Watersheds – *Molly Wood, David Evans and Associates, Inc.*

Concurrent Session I – LIBERTY

- ◆ Where the Water Things Are: A Real World Flood From Beyond the Floodplain - *Bobbi Kaufman and Joni Spencer, Clearwater County and City of Orofino*
- ◆ Alluvial Fans, Distributaries, and Shallow Flooding, Oh My! Studying the connection between alluvial floodplains and stormwater systems in Ellensburg, WA – *Christina Wollman, Ardurra; Samantha Cox, Kittitas County; Chris Frei, Watershed Science and Engineering*
- ◆ Let's not be PC when it comes to Floodplain Management - *Peter Jackson, Idaho Department of Water Resources*

12 pm—1:15 pm: GRAND BALLROOM

Buffet Luncheon & Membership Meeting

NORFMA Organization General Membership Meeting – *Christina Wollman, NORFMA President (Ardurra) & the NORFMA Board.*

- General Discussion, Awards, News from Committees
- Board election results
- Look ahead to 2027 and beyond

1:30 pm— 3 pm

Concurrent Session J – NORTH STAR

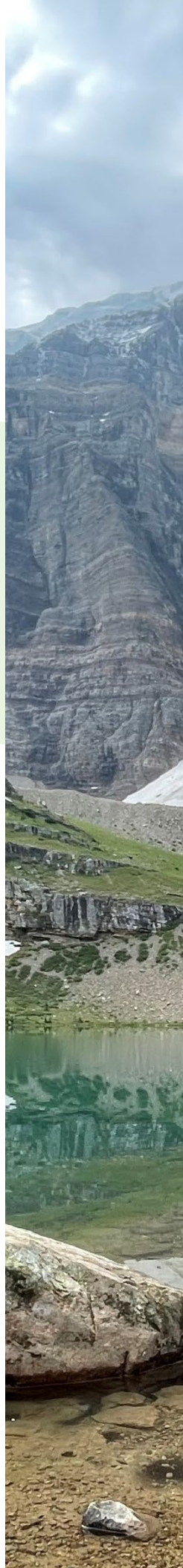
- ◆ Don't let the "no-rise" get you down. Rise up to meet the (floodplain permitting) moment! - *Dale Meck, Bonneville Environmental Foundation*
- ◆ An Intro to 2D No-Rise Analysis: The Pros, Cons, and Caveats - *Erik McCarthy, WEST Consultants*
- ◆ When Combined with ALL Other Existing and Planned Development...? Resolving Ambiguity in CFR 60.3c - *Rowyn Cooper-Caroselli, Wolf Water Resources*

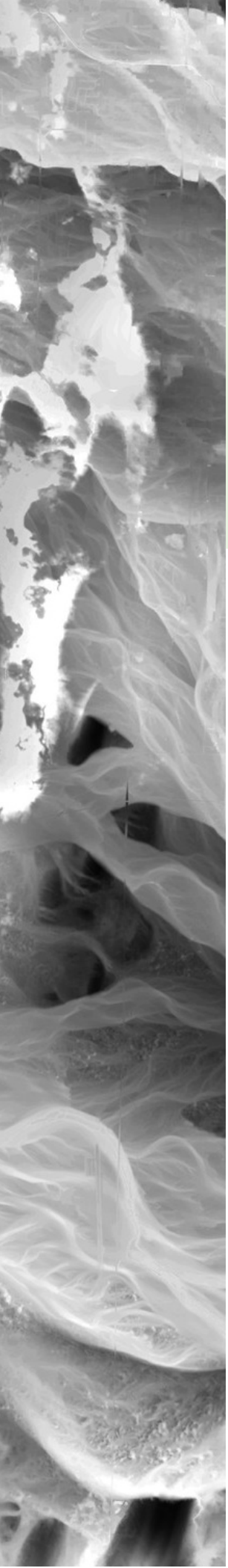
Concurrent Session K – CINNABAR

- ◆ Scaling Resilience: Building Residential Mitigation Programs that Deliver (60 min.) - *Kyle Overly, Deloitte*
- ◆ Rising Above Floods: Lessons Learned in Developing an Equitable Home Elevation Program – *Mitch Paine, Ecology*

Concurrent Session L – LIBERTY

- ◆ Flood Resilience on the Road - *Brandon Hobbs, HDR*
- ◆ An After-Action Review of Hurricane Helene: Flood Response, Recovery, and Hydraulic Resilience in Transportation Systems - *Henry Hu, HNTB*



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- ◆ Balancing Risk and Constructability: PFAS Treatment Design in a 500-Year Floodplain - *Ben Holland, Stantec*

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm: GRAND BALLROOM

Closing Discussion

This will be a guided discussion on what we've learned and shared during the conference, thoughts and reflections, and your ideas for the upcoming year.

Farewell and thank you message

Conference Officially Ends

Dinner on your own.

Friday, September 18, 2026

7 am—8:00 am

Breakfast on Your Own

8:30 am— appx 10:30 am

FIELD TOUR: BOISE SIDE CHANNEL PROJECT

Meet at the project site at 8:30 (~20-minute drive from the hotel)

Greenbelt Access parking lot, 7034 E Warm Springs Ave., Boise

Join project proponents from Jacobs Engineering, SWCA Environmental Consultants, and the Boise State University Intermountain Bird Observatory (IBO) for a walk & talk along the Boise Side Channel project.

Boise State University's Intermountain Bird Observatory (IBO) manages state-owned property on the Boise River floodplain downstream of three Federally owned and operated hydropower facilities. The property is also located directly downstream of a fourth dam, Diversion Dam which supplies the New York Canal. More than 120 years of upstream regulation has resulted in loss of floodplain connectivity along the Boise River, an urban river supporting a wild trout fishery. IBO also uses their ~22-acre parcel for educational research and outreach, and is currently developing the property into the Diane Moore Nature Center.

Starting in 2018, BSU worked with consulting firms to prepare concept and final design plans for this floodplain and habitat restoration project. With funding support from Micron Technology, Inc., the project was constructed in winter 2021/2022. The 2,300-foot-long side channel is located on the right (north) bank and conveys ~1.5 to 120 (or greater) cubic feet per second, depending on main channel flows, providing refuge and rearing habitat for resident trout and other fish species in the side channel as well as resident and neo-tropical migrant birds along the riparian corridor.

Participants should wear sturdy walking shoes and clothing suitable for the weather.





Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to bring us a successful conference!

-Sincerely, Deanna Horton, Conference Committee Chair

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