

El Paso Flood Study Update

Flood Insurance Study

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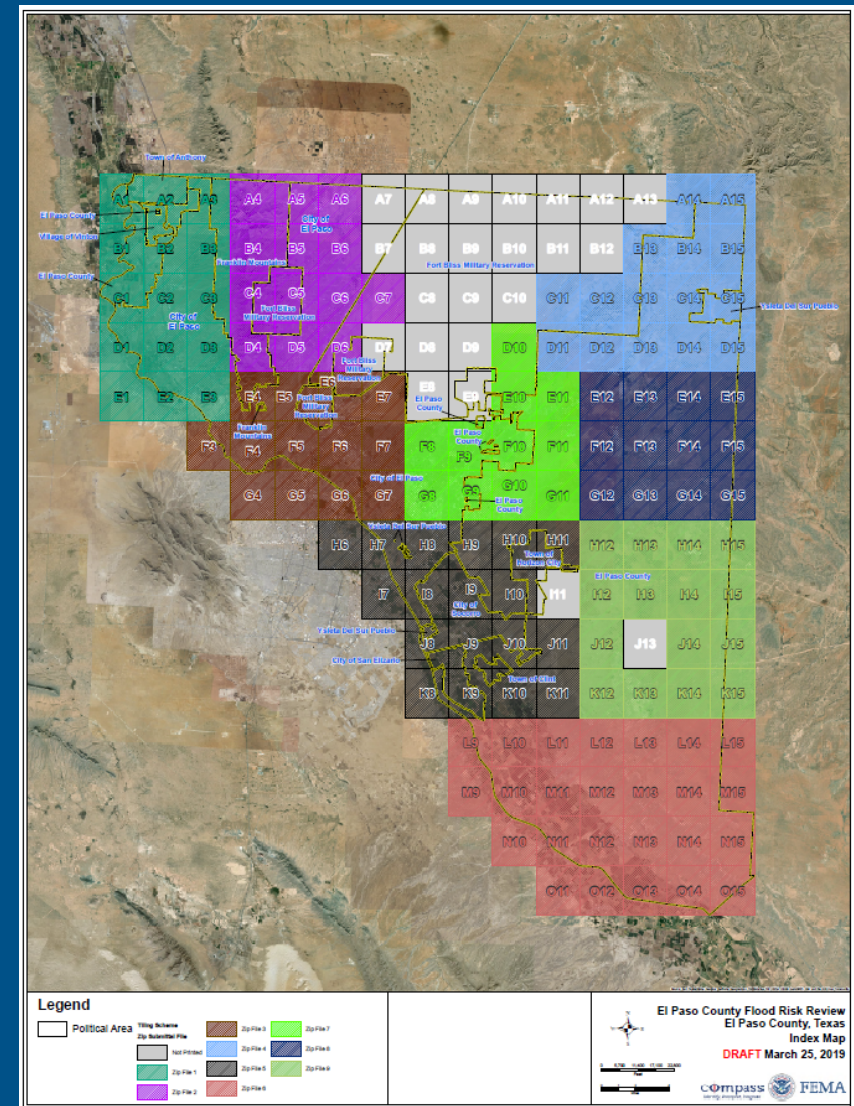
FEMA Flood Risk Study Overview

El Paso County Flood Risk Study:

- County-wide update to regulatory Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)
- County-wide BLE available
- Detailed study in areas impacted by Rio Grande levees
- Includes latest data, engineering & analysis
- Updated to include City of El Paso and El Paso County comments



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Completed Steps in Mapping Process

- El Paso Preliminary Map Release: July 8, 2020.
- Appeal Period: May 23 – August 21 of 2021.
- Appeals and Comments Resolved May 2023.
 - City of El Paso Appeal/Comment Package - 800 Comments
 - El Paso County - 100 Comments
 - 3 Other Comments
- Extensive Quality Assurance Reviews – Summer 2023.
- Revised Preliminary FIRM - November 15, 2023.

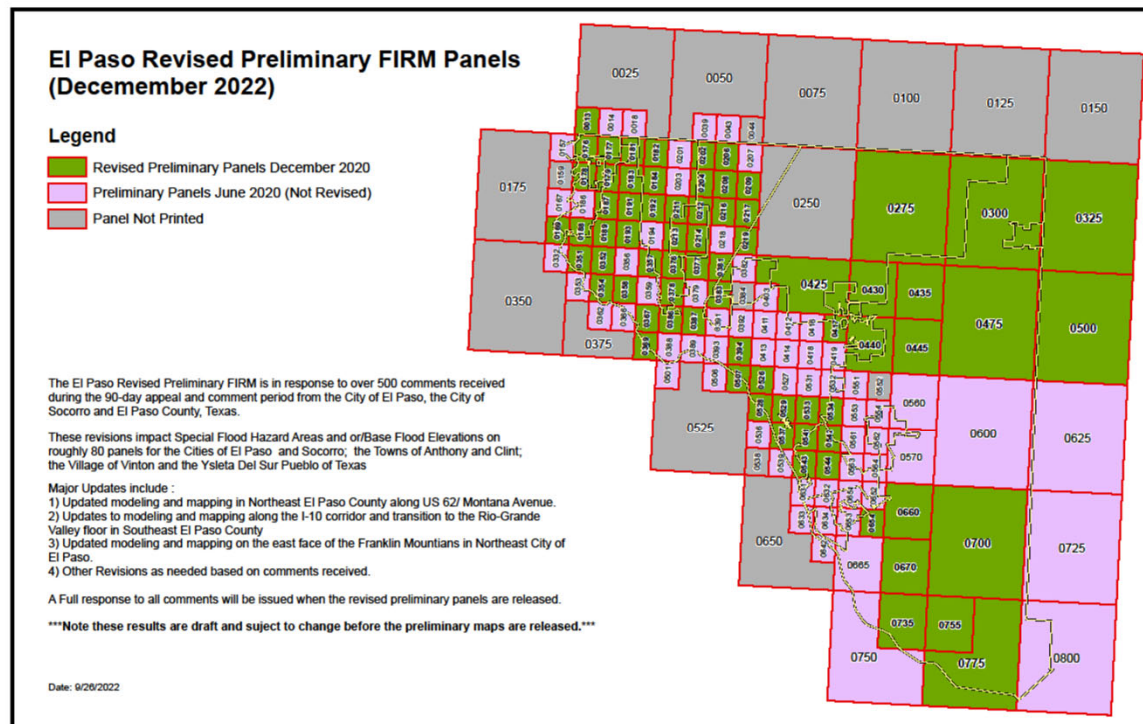


Current and Future Steps in Mapping Process

- New 90 - Day Comment Period: June 6, 2024
 - Only information that has changed from original to Revised Preliminary FIRM eligible for comments.
- Letter of Final Determination: End of 2024/Beginning 2025
- New FIRM Goes Effective: 180 days after LFD (Summer 2025)



Updated Panels



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Where can I find my Preliminary FIRM?

- FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC)
<https://msc.fema.gov>
- Interactive Flood Map Changes Viewer (FMCV)
<https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>
- Both are updated with revised preliminary data.
- Base Level Engineering available on Estimated BFE Viewer: <https://webapps.usgs.gov/infrm/estBFE>



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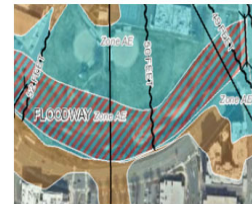
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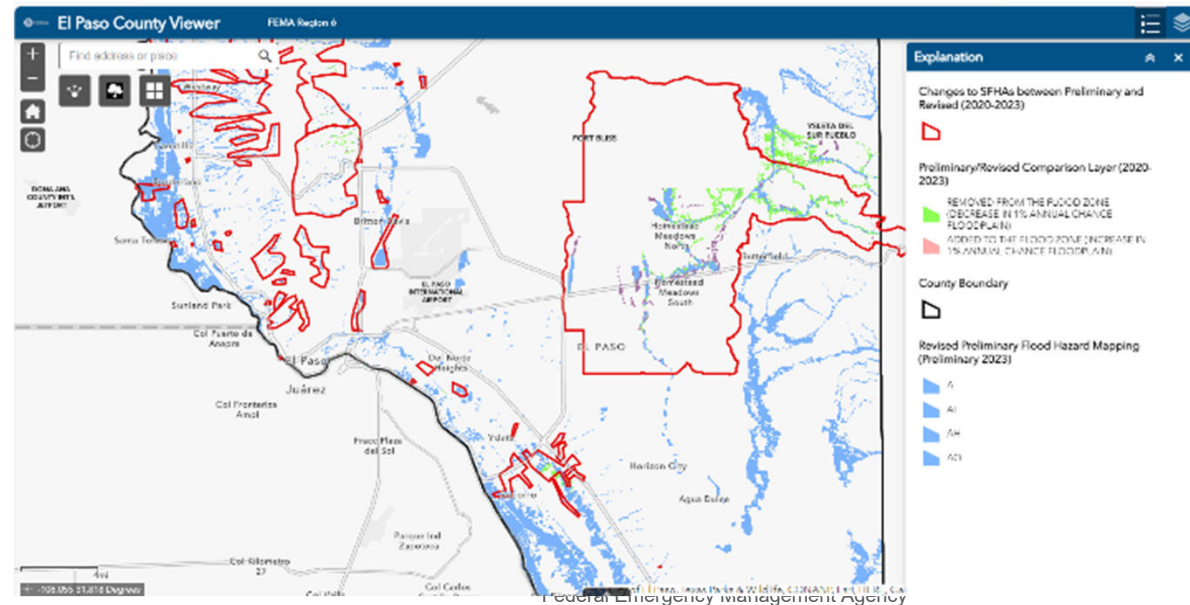
Visit [Search All Products](#) to access the full range of flood risk products for your community.

About Flood Map Service Center

The FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) is the official public source for flood hazard information produced in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Use the MSC to find your official flood map, access a range of other flood hazard products, and take advantage of tools for better understanding flood risk.

Changes Viewer

- Updated Changes Viewer
 - <https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d03e3cc8ca354046b92d618ab76d952f>
 - (<https://tinyurl.com/EP-ViewChange>)
 - Shows changes resulting from appeals
 - Clarifies what is eligible for appeal






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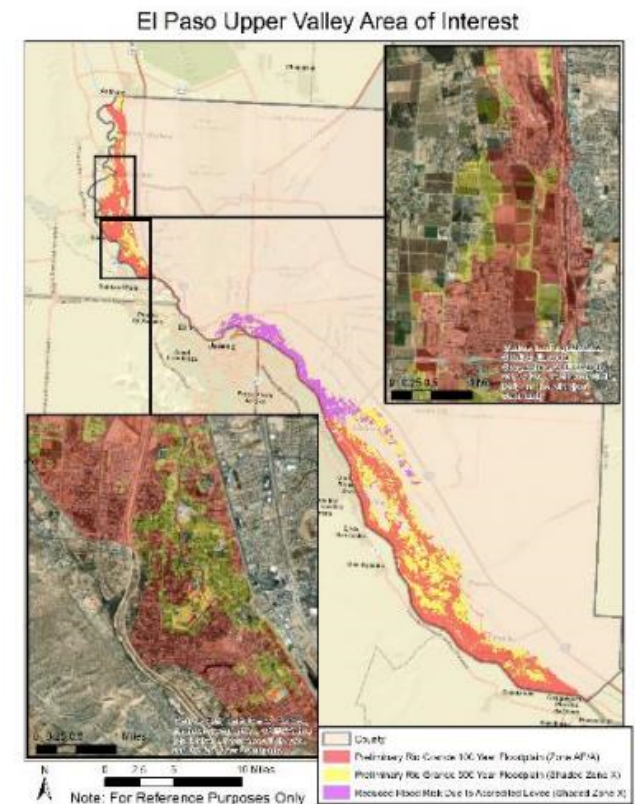
Natural Valley Flood Analysis

- New properties will be added to the Special Flood Hazard Area in the preliminary FIRM.
- Area that is particularly impacted is the Upper Valley.
- In map to right, area in red is Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE/A), yellow is 500-year floodplain (shaded Zone X), and purple is the area of reduced risk due to El Paso 2 levee (shaded Zone X).



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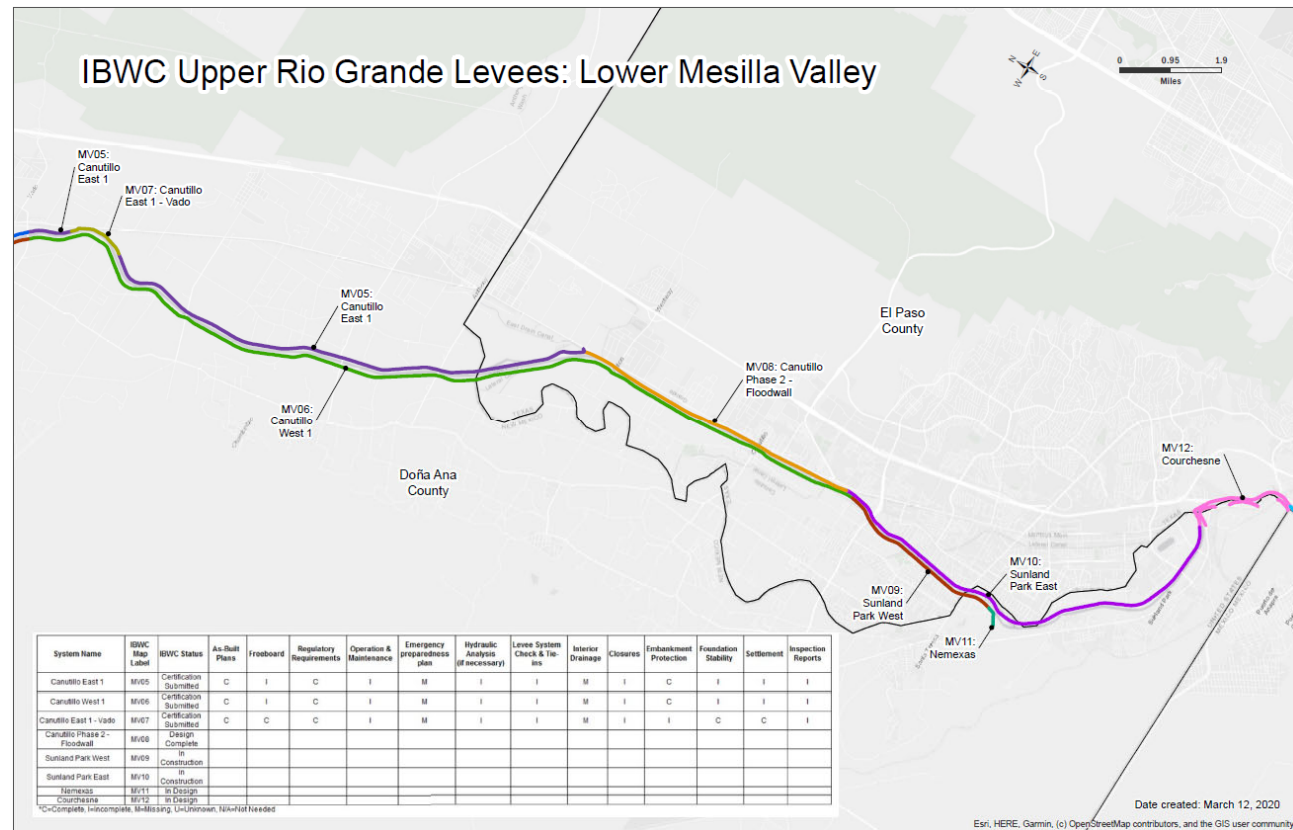
-  County
-  Preliminary Rio Grande 100 Year Floodplain (Zone AE/A)
-  Preliminary Rio Grande 500 Year Floodplain (Shaded Zone X)
-  Reduced Flood Risk Due to Accredited Levee (Shaded Zone X)



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Future Levee Accreditation Efforts

- Coordination with City of El Paso, El Paso Water, USIBWC, and other stakeholders on levee accreditation continues, per 44 CFR 65.10
- Levee accreditation through the LOMR process available at any time
- Flood Insurance will continue to be based on current effective maps



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Preliminary FIRMs Have No Effect On Insurance

- Information on Insurance Rating
 - <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating>
- Talk to your insurance agent

Questions?



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