



FEMA

September 6, 2022

RE: Letter of Introduction for Field Surveys in Benton County

Dear Resident,

The City of Adair Village has been working collaboratively with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the State of Oregon, and local communities to better identify flood risk in the county. This effort includes a new flood study on several streams crossing county and city lands that will ultimately be used to update the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map and provide the local jurisdictions with valuable flood risk information. Better identification of flood risk helps people determine their own priorities and take steps to reduce risk to lives and property. This data also supports communities in recovery efforts when disaster strikes.

A very important part of accurately assessing flood risk is field surveys, to understand how conditions on the ground may impact flooding. **FEMA's contractor, STARR II (represented by Statewide Land Surveying, Inc.) will be conducting field surveys in the County** during the fall months and into next season, weather depending. The purpose of these surveys is obtaining channel cross-sections, identifying or establishing elevation reference marks, and obtaining the physical dimensions of hydraulic and flood control structures. The field surveyors will make every effort to stay on public land and rights-of-way; it may occasionally be necessary for the surveyors to briefly access privately owned property to gather survey information on stream channels, bridges, culverts, and dams. Should this occur in your area, a representative of Statewide Land Surveying, Inc. will attempt to contact the property owner in advance and seek permission to enter the property. **Surveyors will not trespass and will only collect information related to flood risk.** They will respect landowners' property and will not interfere with their use of it. **Survey crews will be in and around the County from September 2022 through Spring of 2023**, with the intent of having the majority of the fieldwork collected in the fall. The fieldwork will be performed Monday through Sunday during daylight hours. Upon request, the surveyors will provide identification and this letter of introduction.

The participating jurisdictions respectfully request that the public allow Statewide Land Surveying, Inc. survey crews proper and safe access to the areas that are included in the attached project area map or through the project's web based map viewer at <https://arcg.is/1TCinf0> (that's a zero at the end). *This will allow us to prepare a more accurate assessment of flood risk in our community.*

Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort. If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact one of the federal partners identified below:

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Sincerely,

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