

Disaster Unified Review Team (DURT) Notes

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Attended:

State Historic Preservation Office: Amy Pallante

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Mike Haney

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Alison Michaels

FEMA/National Flood Insurance Program: Matt Buddie

FEMA Environmental/Historic Preservation: Rick Meyers, Steve Hardegen, Jeff Fullmer, Erika Roberts, Jordan Burns

Department of the Interior: Bob Stewart

Environmental Protection Agency: Nat Miullo

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Terri Sage

Updates:

- National UFR Workshop Update
 - Colorado DURT mentioned as a leading example of UFR implementation.
 - Many key partners were present. Including but not limited to USDA, SBA, HHS, HUD, CEQ, FWS, NOAA, etc. were present.
 - Focus on NDRF integration. UFR-compliance versus NDRF-planning.
 - Who is in charge of streamlining and coordinating review processes at each agency?
 - Potential for FEMA to hire regional UFR positions
 - HUD hired a POC for UFR
 - DOI hired a new POC for NDRF (follow required to identify if POC will have UFR role)
- FEMA Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS)
 - FEMA has published a Draft Guidelines for Implementing FFRMS and have received public comment.
 - <https://www.fema.gov/federal-flood-risk-management-standard-ffrms>
- DURT viewer support – DHSEM CO_RED nexus
 - Information needed to ensure the DURT Viewer continues to be available has a valuable resource
 - Success stories needed (watershed coalitions, local government, state, federal, etc.)
 - Letters for support requested
 - Call for environmental data

- Datasets on previously damaged sites currently included in DURT viewer are extremely helpful for daily environmental review work
- Growing Forward – Annual South Platte Forum
 - The South Platte Forum is an avenue for a timely, multi-disciplinary exchange of information and ideas important to resource management in the South Platte River Basin. Its stated mandates are:
 - enhances the effective management of natural resources in the S. Platte River Basin by promoting coordination between state, federal and local resource managers, and private enterprise, and
 - promotes the interchange of ideas among disciplines to increase awareness and understanding of S. Platte River Basin issues and public values.
 - FEMA and the UFR needs continued representation at these types of events in order to get more involved in conservation-centric projects

FEMA activity:

- Ongoing Operations (Updates for Colorado disasters 4145 and 4229)
 - 4229-DR
 - Approximately \$40 million projected to be allocated.
 - 15 counties declared.
 - PA is completed. No issues to bring to DURT currently.
 - JFO closed 11/21 and transitioned to a processing center.
 - FEMA and FWS signed DR PA on 11/09/2015.
 - 4145-DR
 - Approximately \$45 million worth of projects still pending.
 - A few large PAAP projects are in process, the most significant one being the Longmont Greenway. Marty Thompson will be taking over as the POC for 4145 (P. Ross will still be engaged): Martain.Thompson@fema.dhs.gov/720-626-8523
 - Public Assistance (PA) grant program
 - FEMA and The Oglala Sioux Tribe:
 - FEMA will be providing 200 semi-permanent units, another ~200 structures need repairs.
 - UFR has been activated: Major concerns include no existing documented floodplains, construction will cause major ground disturbance and confusion over ESA compliance.
 - Housing Mission Programmatic Environmental Assessment:
 - After 6 years of pursuing, FEMA Region VIII hosted the Interagency Consultation for the Endangered Species Act 3-day training.

- Colorado Wildfire Mitigation Programmatic Environmental Assessment
 - FMAG now eligible for Mitigation Grant Program funding to wildfire risk management
 - Call for DURT peer review for the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment

Round table – DURT partner updates

- Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
 - Still awaiting permanent supervisor for the Field Office.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - Phase 2 for EWP funding. Funds are being funneled through CWCB to the Watershed Coalitions.
- Department of Interior (DOI)
 - New Natural and Cultural Resources (NCR) Recovery Support Function (RSF) Coordinator hired at HQ.
 - Currently, much time and attention is directed toward the Gold King Mine disaster.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)
 - Personnel change: Ed Nichols retired. Steve Turner is now the State Historic Preservation Officer. Amy Pallante is now the Intergovernmental Services Director.
- Identify opportunities to further Unified Review
 - Colorado Preservation, Inc.: opportunity to promote UFR?
 - Identify bigger programmatic issues
 - Benefit Cost Analysis for environmental value

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