



***CITY OF  
EAGLE'S  
FLOODPLAIN  
INFORMATION  
WEBSITE***

To learn more, visit the City of Eagle website at [www.cityofeagle.org](http://www.cityofeagle.org). Here you will find frequently asked questions and answers pertaining to floodplains and floodways, permitting, and approvals and conditions. You'll also find several links, including interactive maps and contact information for state and federal agencies.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

As always, feel free to contact the City of Eagle Planning and Zoning Department at (208) 939-0227 with any questions or concerns you may wish to discuss.

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***YOUR PROPERTY AND  
THE FLOODPLAIN IN  
EAGLE, IDAHO***



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## YOUR PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO FLOODING

As a reminder of the presence of flood hazards in the City of Eagle, this brochure is being made available for those residents whose land lies at least partially within the floodplain. Our intent is to bring flood awareness to property owners by providing information on safety and development within the floodplain.



### HISTORY OF FLOODING IN ADA COUNTY

Historically, the Boise River reaches flood stage (7,000 cubic feet per second, or cfs) every year on the stream gage located at the Glenwood Bridge. This results in some minor inconvenience and damage each time it happens. Continued encroachment and development in the river floodway aggravates this situation. Future floods above 10,000 cfs will result in substantial additional expense to the community.

It can be expected that three out of every five years certain creeks and gulches in Ada County will also pose a threat. Many existing channels are inadequate to carry sudden large flows, especially in areas of dense development.

For more history on flooding in the City of Eagle, visit our website at [www.cityofeagle.org/floodplain](http://www.cityofeagle.org/floodplain)

## FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Floodplain and floodway areas are designated by FEMA on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). You can view the FIRMs in your area using FEMA's Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) or visit our office. Our staff is available to answer any questions you may have, including proximity of the proposed development to a floodplain or floodway, flood zones, and base flood elevations. Elevation certificates are available upon request, as well as permit and inspection history.



## FLOOD INSURANCE

Every year, flooding causes hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to homes and businesses around the country. A structure located within a floodplain has a 26 percent chance of suffering flood damage during the term of a 30-year mortgage. Standard homeowners insurance does not generally cover this type of loss. However, the City of Eagle is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes it possible for property owners to obtain federally backed flood insurance. Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss.

We urge persons who live or own property in the floodplain to purchase flood insurance to protect themselves from losses due to flooding. This insurance is required in certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a federally backed mortgage.

Contact your insurance agent or company to find out more about federal flood insurance or visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

## FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

A Floodplain Development Permit must be obtained before any construction or development begins within the floodplain including buildings or other structures, filling, grading, paving, or excavation.

If you wish to engage in the above activities in the floodplain or floodway, the City of Eagle floodplain ordinance (Flood Hazard Overlay District, located in Title 10, Flood Control, of the Eagle City Code) requires that you apply for a Floodplain Development Permit from the city. You can obtain an application and checklist, and view our ordinance by visiting our office or our website at [www.cityofeagle.org](http://www.cityofeagle.org) and click on the City Code link.

Other agencies, such as the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Idaho Department of Water Resources may also require permits. The City of Eagle will not be able to issue a floodplain development permit until all necessary permits are obtained.

To report a violation of illegal development, including dumping debris or clearing vegetation within the floodplain contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 939-0227.

