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**Re: Neighbor Notice for Preliminary Floodplain Map Appeal
Period
New Floodplain Mapping for Flat Creek, DBA2007-0003**

Dear Teton County Property Owner:

A public informational meeting was held on March 12, 2008 at the Teton County Administration Building to introduce the Preliminary digital floodplain maps (DFIRMs) prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The revised floodplain mapping generally covers an 8.5 mile stretch of Flat Creek between High School Road and the Snake River Confluence. Some county properties that were located in the 100-year flood plain of Flat Creek have been removed and others are now mapped in the 100-year floodplain.

If you are receiving this notification, your property is located within or in close proximity to the 100-year flood plain of Flat Creek as mapped on the Preliminary DFIRMs. Please visit the County Website at www.tetonwyo.org/engineer, select Teton County Floodplain Management link, and refer to the Announcements section to view related information and Exhibits showing the current (effective) floodplain and the floodplain proposed by the preliminary DFIRMs.

Following the March 12, 2008 meeting, Teton County completed a due diligence review of the new hydraulic study used to estimate the base flood water surface elevations (i.e. base flood elevations (BFEs)) and delineate floodplain boundaries on the Preliminary DFIRMs. After receiving the County's review comments, FEMA completed a second Detailed Technical Review of the study; and incorporated some minor revisions, however the changes did not alter the Preliminary Floodplain boundaries.

FEMA's next steps for adopting the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and DFIRM maps includes a statutory 90-day Appeal period followed by final preparation of the products; which generally lasts approximately 6 months. The formal appeal period is scheduled to begin on March 11, 2009. Public notification of the Revised Base Flood Elevations and solicitation for technical information or comments on the proposed BFEs will be given in the *Jackson Hole Daily* on March 4th and March 11th, 2009. During the Appeal period, community officials and/or other interested parties may submit scientific or technical information that

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would serve to refute the proposed BFEs. Additional information on the Appeal process is provided in the FEMA letter recently received by the County (see link on County Floodplain website under Announcements section).

The County anticipates conducting another public informational meeting after the 90-day Appeal period. Representatives from FEMA will attend to discuss flood insurance requirements and procedures. You will be notified once the meeting date has been determined. Updates will also be posted to the Floodplain web page under the Announcements section. Based on FEMA's timeline, the Preliminary maps and FIS may become Effective (replacing the current maps & FIS) near the end of November, 2009.

Please feel free to contact me at 307-733-3317 or via email at sstory@tetonwyo.org. You may also review the Preliminary DFIRMs and Floodplain Exhibits in the Engineering office (old Library), 320 South King Street, during normal business hours, Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Story', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Story, P.E., CFM
Associate County Engineer