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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators and
the NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM: WYO Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: FEMA's Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan (MHIP)

Following are excerpts of a recent communication from Michael F. Howard, the Chief of FEMA's Risk Identification Branch, describing the agency's new Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan. You may access the full MHIP, including details of FEMA map modernization efforts and schedule updates, at the website referenced below.

"FEMA, and our flood mapping partners, prepared a Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan (MHIP), the first-ever national look at how FEMA and its partners will move forward with updating flood maps. Developed in cooperation with states, locals, regional entities, and other partners, MHIP outlines a national five-year schedule and budget for conducting flood studies and providing reliable digital flood hazard data and maps to support the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). We are grateful for your efforts and those of your organization in support of Flood Map Modernization.

FEMA, through its all-hazards mission to "Lead America to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from disasters" is proud to support the strategic goals of the Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's Mitigation Program, through managing the NFIP, specifically supports the Department's strategic goal for Protection, as identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Strategic Plan issued in 2004, to strengthen nationwide preparedness and mitigation against acts of terrorism, natural disasters, or other emergencies.

You and your organization may be particularly interested in Section 7 of the MHIP, a refined mapping standard that defines levels of flood hazard study commensurate with levels of flood risk.

The MHIP is available on FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Website at www.fema.gov/fhm/mh_main.shtm. FEMA welcomes input from our mapping stakeholders. You may contact your state, professional organization, FEMA Regional office, or provide comments through the Flood Hazard Mapping Website."

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, WYO Marketing Committee, Government Technical Representative
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