

## **COLORADO HAZARD MAPPING PROGRAM**

The 2013 flood event caused widespread damage and changes along waterways throughout the county and other areas of the state. In response, the State of Colorado is taking steps towards bolstering long-term planning and resiliency efforts by funding the Colorado Hazard Mapping Program (CHAMP) that will update local hazard information including regulatory floodplain maps for the most affected waterways.

Larimer County is supporting this initiative because accurate floodplain maps provide detailed information for property owners on their own flood risks and enable proactive measures to protect people and property before the next significant flood event.

### **Watersheds affected:**

Big Thompson (and tributaries)  
North Fork Big Thompson  
Fox Creek  
West Creek  
Dry Gulch  
Fall River  
Fish Creek  
Black Canyon Creek  
Little Thompson  
North Fork Little Thompson  
West Fork Little Thompson  
Dry Creek (Berthoud)  
Buckhorn Creek  
Redstone Creek

The Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) Colorado Hazard Mapping Program (CHAMP) will hold its first Flood Risk Review (FRR) meeting for Larimer County in early March. FRR meetings will give community officials the chance to review and provide early feedback on draft versions of the floodplains prior to FEMA review and will enable communities to proactively plan mitigation measures and communicate with the public about possible changes in flood risk. The streams in Larimer County, shown in green on the [Hydraulic Analysis & Regulatory Update Timing map](#), will be discussed at this FRR meeting.

New discharges for the affected watersheds have already been reviewed and adopted by the state.

### [Comparison of the Proposed Discharges to the Pre-flood Effective Discharges](#)

Larimer County will continue to inform the public on the status of the CHAMP program in Larimer County through website updates and public open houses once more information is received. More information about the CHAMP program can be found at <http://coloradohazardmapping.com/>