



**Welcome
to
Idaho Silver Jackets Flood Mitigation
Listening Session**

Boise, Idaho
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Listening Session Purpose



- Introduce Silver Jackets Program.
- Gain an understanding of flood mitigation efforts in Idaho.
- Review and receive comment on Flood Hazard chapter of Idaho State Hazard Mitigation Plan.





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Silver Jackets is the **state-level** implementation of the Army Corps of Engineers National Flood Risk Management Program.



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Goals



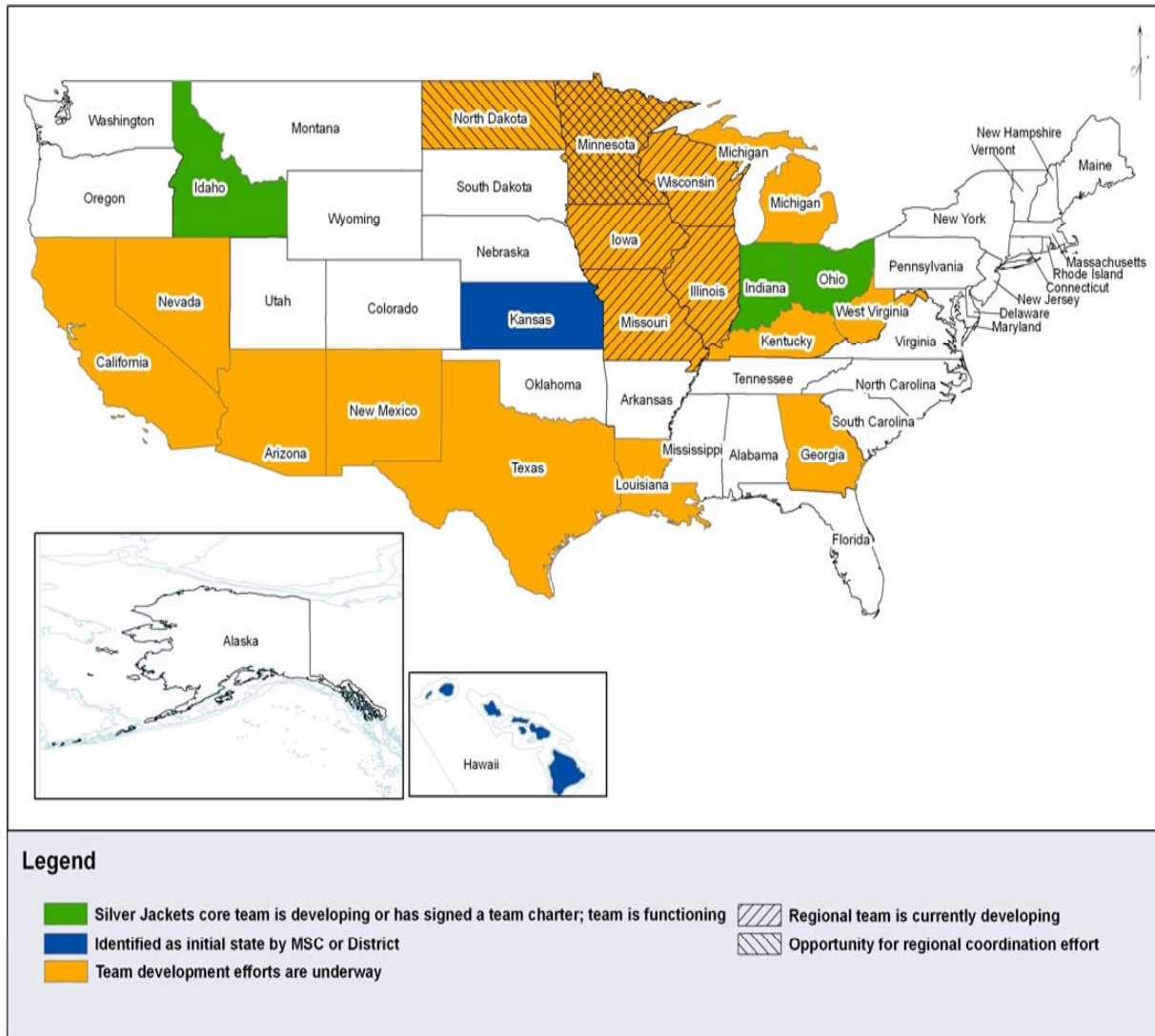
- Create **continuous** mechanism to solve state-prioritized issues.
- Implement or recommend solutions.
- Facilitate strategic **life-cycle** planning to reduce flood risk.
- Improve and increase **flood risk communication** and outreach.



Approach

- Improve processes.
- Leverage resources and information.
- Provide Federal assistance to implement State's priority actions.
- Do not duplicate similar efforts.
- Each team different; evolves with state priorities.
- Membership may expand or contract.

Silver Jackets Teams



The Idaho Silver Jackets Core Team is one of three with a signed charter.

Idaho SJ Core Team



- **Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security**
 - Dave Jackson, Mark Stephensen – Military Division
- **Idaho Department of Water Resources**
 - Mary McGown - State Floodplain Officer
- **Army Corps of Engineers**
 - Ellen Berggren, Boise Outreach Office
- **Federal Emergency Mgt Agency Region X**
 - Jamie Huff, Braden Allen, Ted Perkins – Mitigation Division
- **NOAA / National Weather Service**
 - Jay Breidenbach, Senior Hydrologist



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Idaho Silver Jackets Timeline



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| Feb. 2009 | Patchwork Quilt Workshop |
| March 2009 | IBHS Request to Corps |
| March 2009 | First Idaho Core Team Meeting |
| July 2009 | Core Team Charter Signed |
| August 2009 | Listening Session |



Core Team Charter

Vision Statement



Serve as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues, including mitigation planning, flood hazard mapping, risk reduction activities, and response and recovery planning.



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Core Team Charter

Mission Statement



- Identify & prioritize actions to reduce flooding threat, vulnerability & consequences.
- Facilitate strategic planning & implementation of life-cycle mitigation, response & recovery actions to reduce flooding threat, vulnerability & consequences.
- Create/supplement process to collaboratively identify issues & implement or recommend solutions.
- Identify & implement ways to leverage resources & information.
- Increase & improve flood risk communication & outreach.
- Promote wise stewardship of taxpayers' investments.
- Develop more comprehensive state flood risk management policies & strategies.
- Develop advanced hydrologic predictive services to reduce loss of life & property damage from flooding.

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- Continuous collaboration before, during & after flooding.
- Examine solutions for flood risk management (non-structural and structural).
- Learn about agency programs, identify limitations & opportunities, & combine programs to create integrated, comprehensive & sustainable solutions.
- Create a multi-agency technical resource.
- Assist with high priority actions in State's mitigation plans.
- Improve flood risk communication & outreach, present a unified inter-governmental message, & better educate & advise customers.
- Identify & facilitate improvements to existing programs, policies & processes. Identify collaborative opportunities to combine resources & identify gaps to minimize duplication.
- Catalog & share information on past & future flood projects & initiatives.
- Prioritize current & future flood risk mitigation initiatives.
- Improve flood hazard mapping, risk analysis, & linkages to advanced hydrologic prediction models.

For More Information



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www.iwr.usace.army.mil/nfrmp/learnmor.cfm

Silver Jackets Website coming soon:

www.iwr.usace.army.mil/nfrmp/state



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