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How to Find Your FIRM and Make a FIRMette

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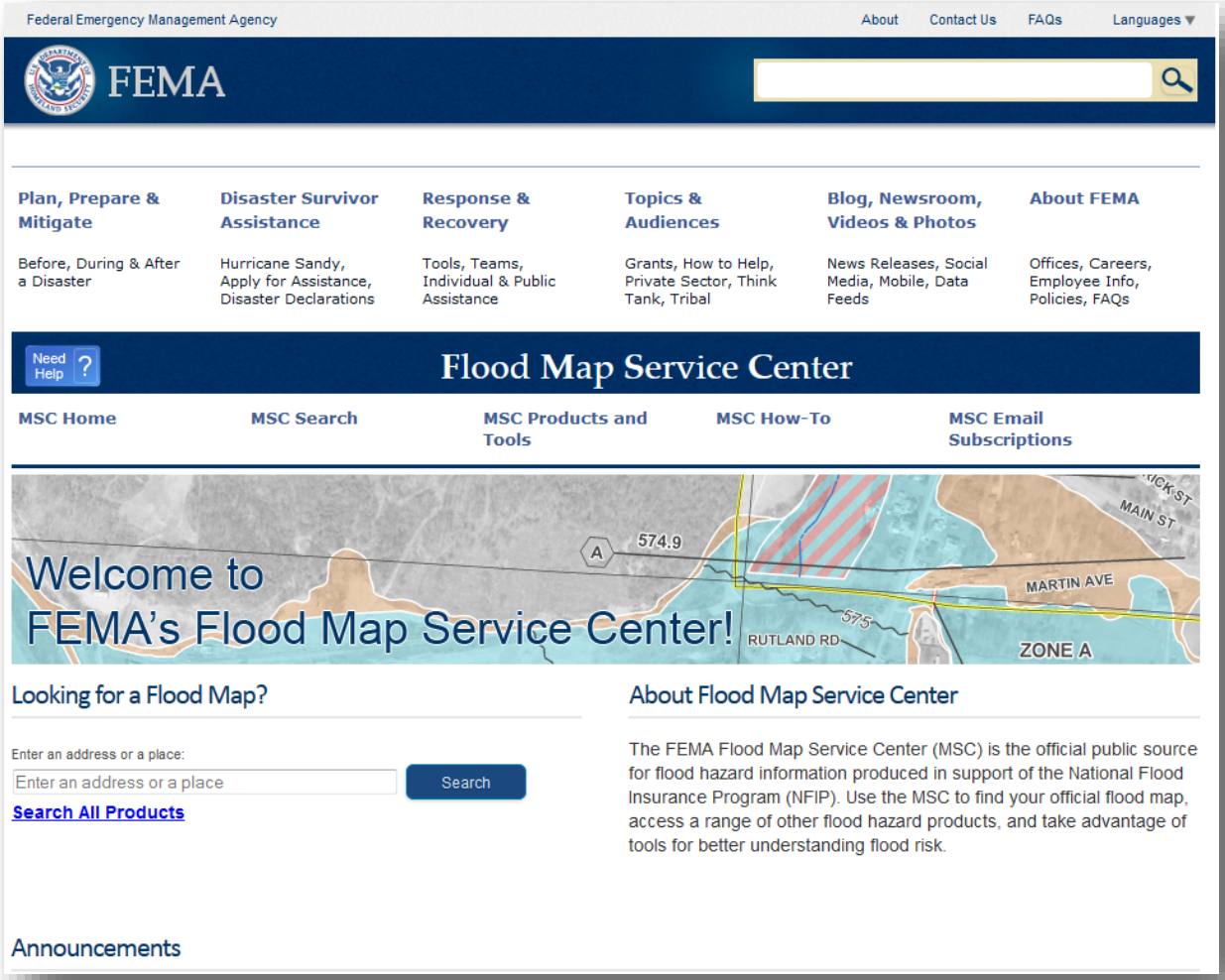
Getting Started

- A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is an official flood map used in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- A FIRMette is a full-scale section of a FIRM that you create yourself.

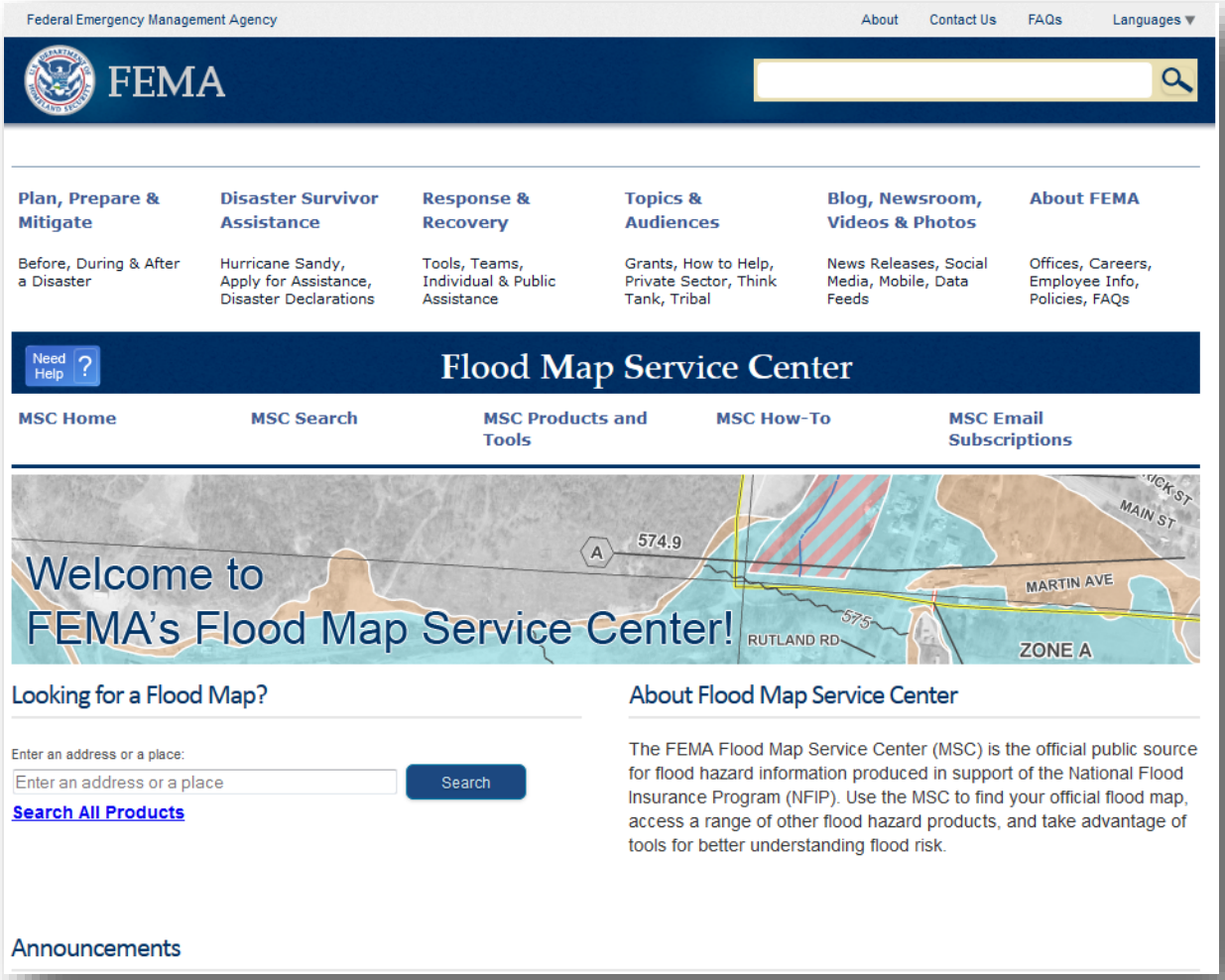
First, navigate to the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC), http://msc.fema.gov.



Step One

Find Your Flood Map

- The are several ways to find and access a FIRM.
- The quickest way to find a specific FIRM is through Search by Address, while Search All Products is useful for finding multiple FIRMs.
- The MSC Products and Tools page has more information about FIRMettes.



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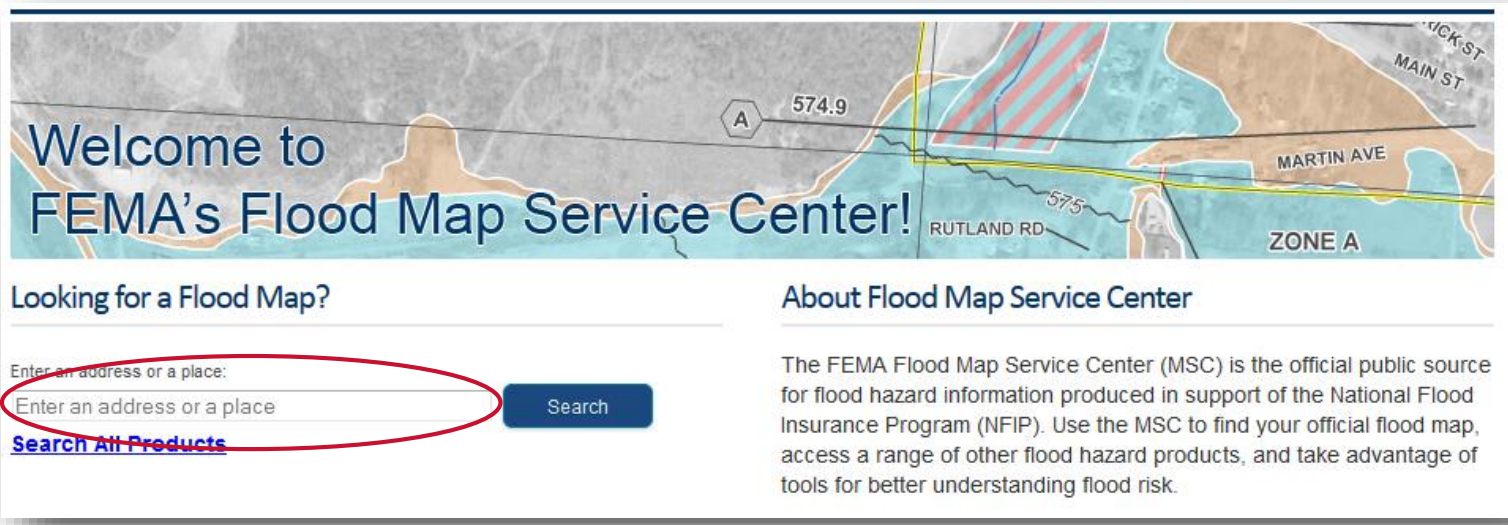
Option A: Search by Address

To find a FIRM for a specific address or landmark, you may use the Address Search on the left side of the MSC homepage.

Enter an address or a place of interest and select the "Search" button.



Searching by an address or landmark will display the result on a graphical map interface. Once on this interface, you will see the results of your search and can move around the map and make new selections.

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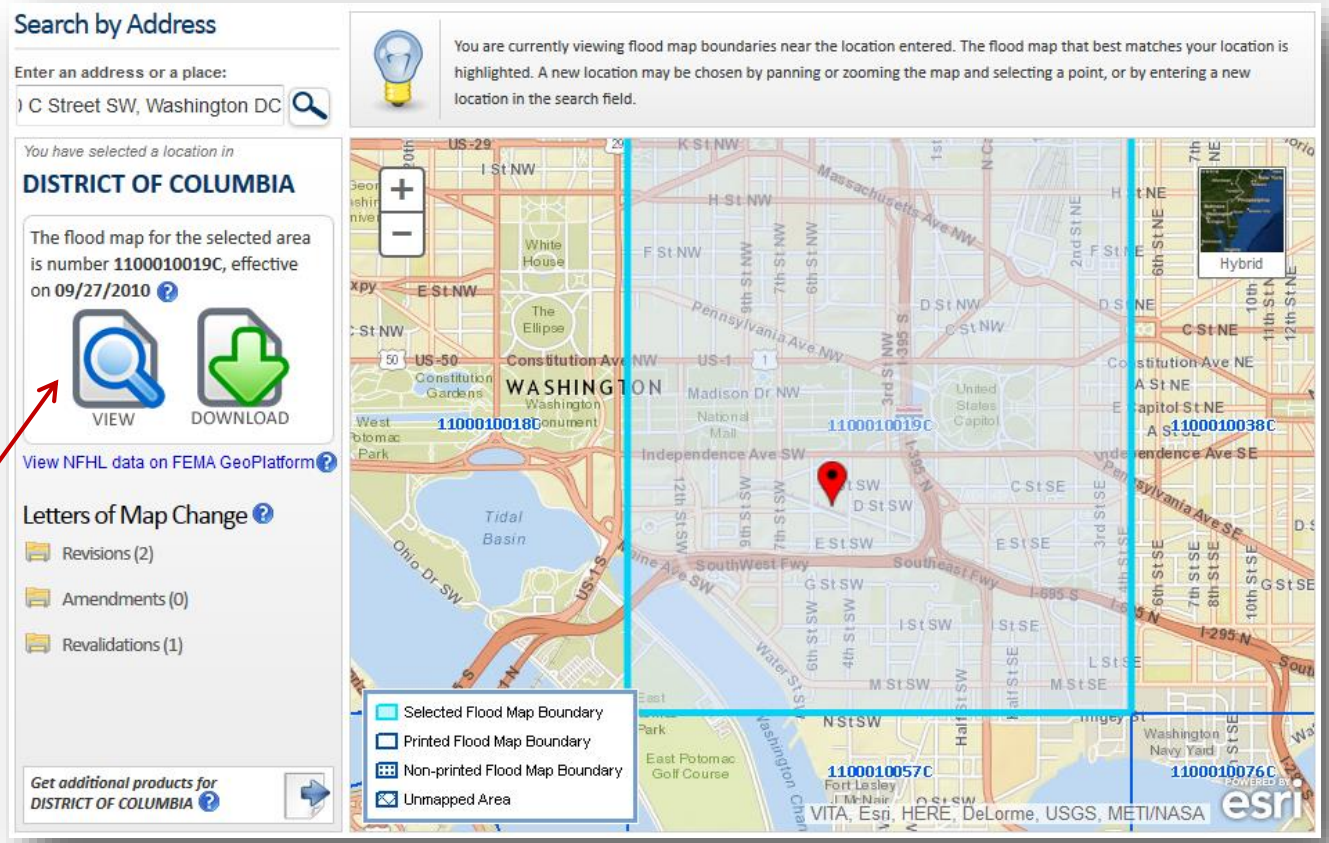
Option A: Search by Address

Your selected FIRM panel will be shaded in blue in the display map.



To create a FIRMette of the current Effective FIRM, select "View." This will take you to the *FIRMette Web* tool for your selected FIRM.

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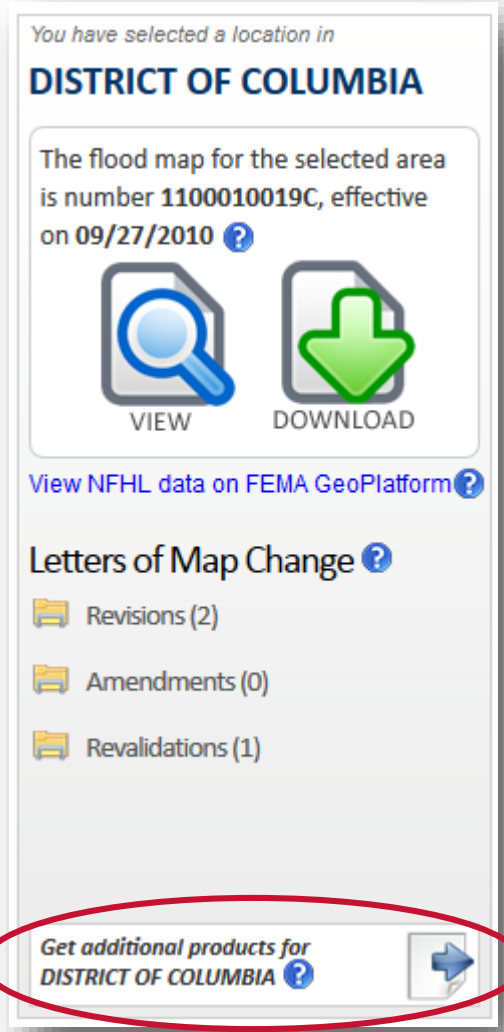
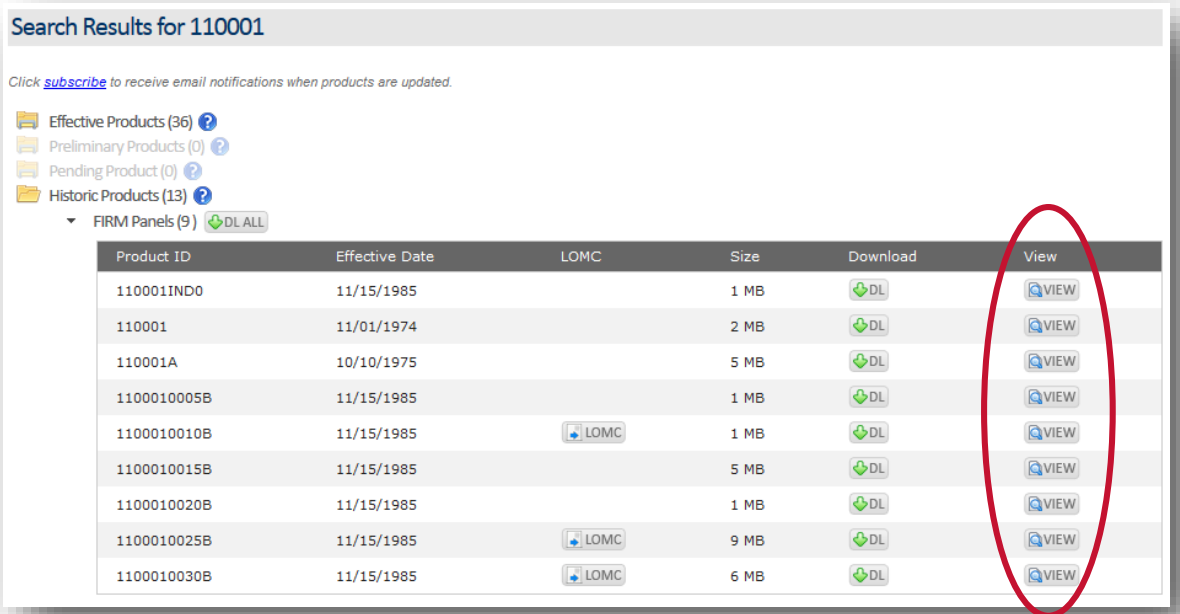


If you would like to find any available Historic FIRMs for your selected community, select "Get Additional Products." This will take you to a listing of all available products for your selected jurisdiction, including Historic FIRMs that you can then choose to view in *FIRMette Web*.



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Option B: Search All Products

You may find any Effective and Historic FIRMs available for your community, as well as a listing of all other available flood hazard products, using the "Search All Products" feature.

Search Results for DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Click subscribe to receive email notifications when products are updated.

- Effective Products (36)
- Preliminary Products (0)
- Pending Product (0)
- Historic Products (13)
  - FIRM Panels (9) DL ALL

Product ID	Effective Date	LOMC	Size	Download	View
110001IND0	11/15/1985		1 MB	DL	VIEW
110001	11/01/1974		2 MB	DL	VIEW
110001A	10/10/1975		5 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010005B	11/15/1985		1 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010010B	11/15/1985	LOMC	1 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010015B	11/15/1985		5 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010020B	11/15/1985		1 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010025B	11/15/1985	LOMC	9 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010030B	11/15/1985	LOMC	6 MB	DL	VIEW

  - FIS Reports (0)
  - LOMC (4)
- Flood Risk Products (0)

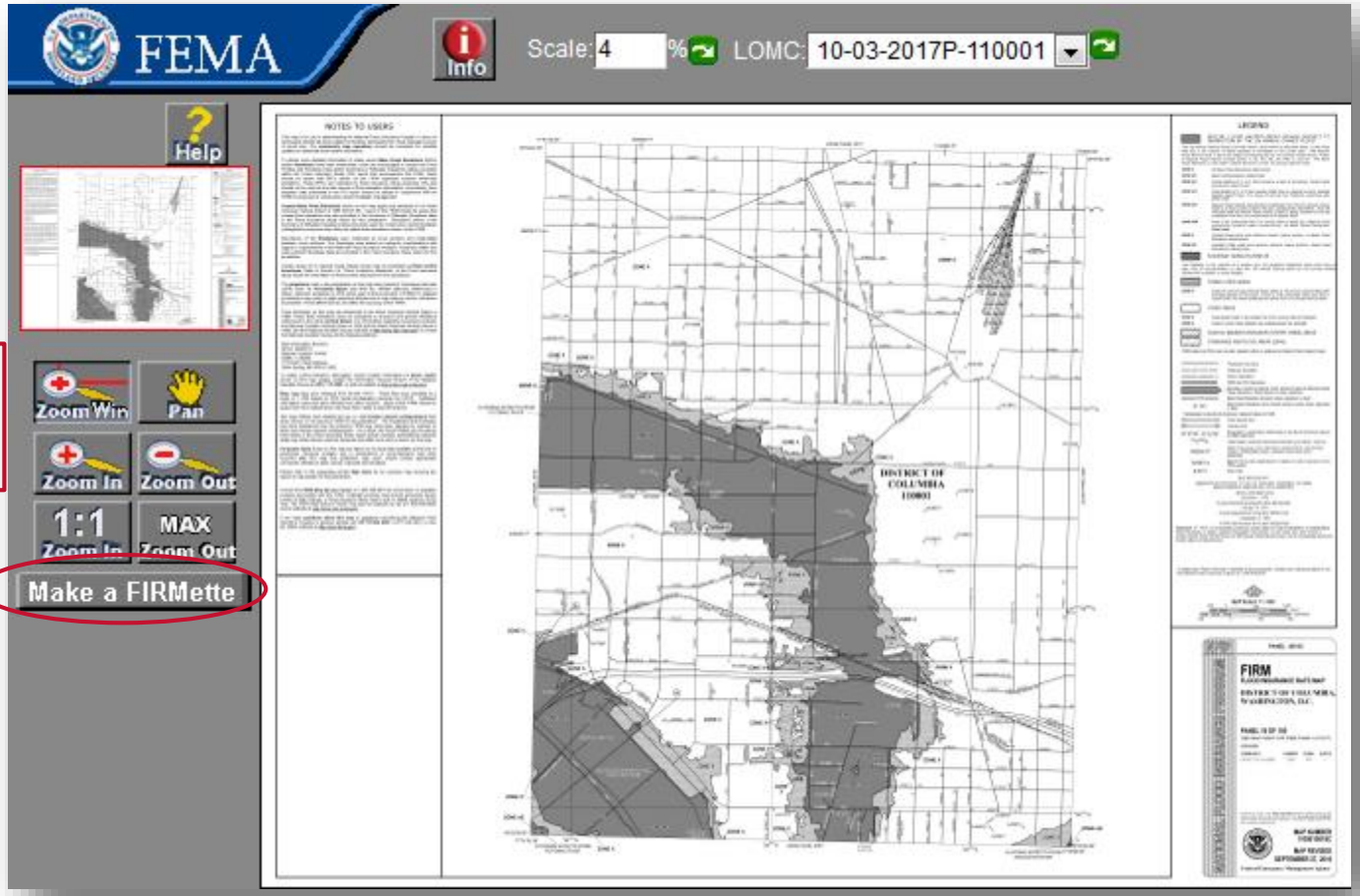
Once you have used one of the available search functions to locate the FIRMs of interest, select "View" to load a FIRM in *FIRMette Web* and make a FIRMette.

Step Two

Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

A new window will appear, containing the *FIRMette Web* tool, which will display the selected FIRM panel.

Select the “Make a FIRMette” button.



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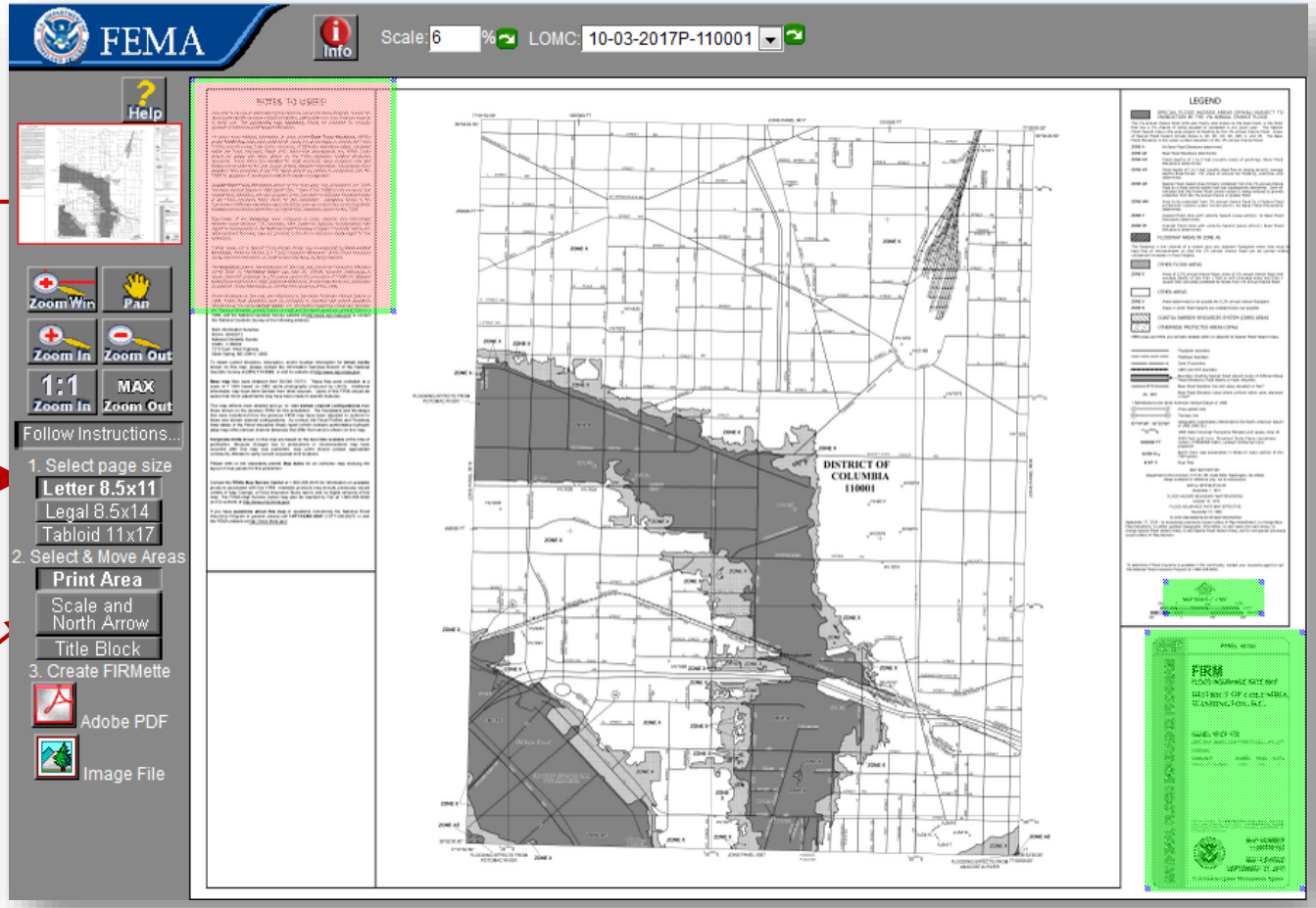
Click, hold, and drag the pink layer to cover the area you want in your FIRMette.

Choose your paper size.

To reposition the title block or scale and north arrow, click the appropriate button and drag the newly pink layer.



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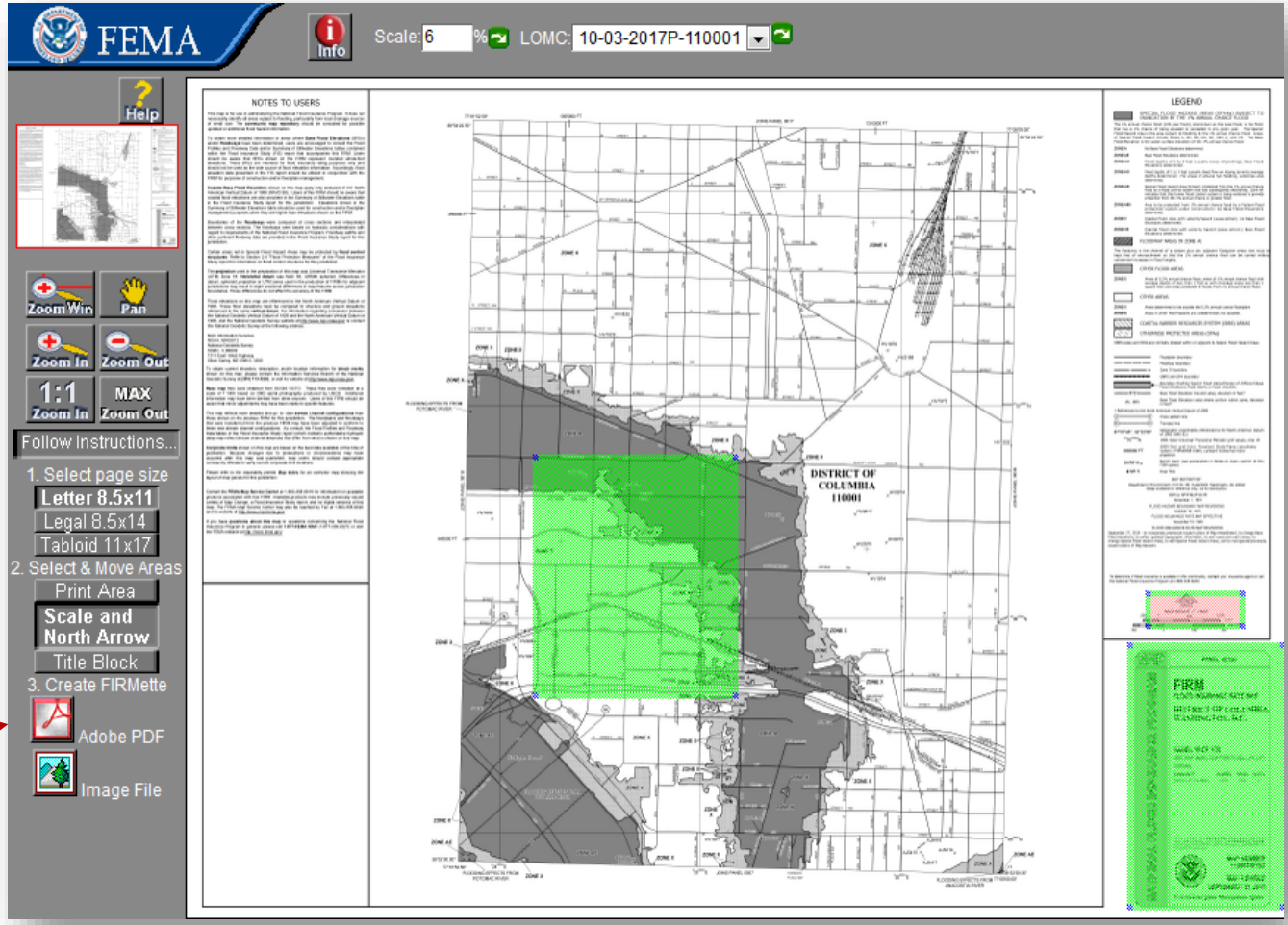
- You may use the Zoom and Pan functions to more precisely identify the area you want in your FIRMette.
- However, you must be zoomed out all the way in order to make a FIRMette correctly.



When ready, click on your preferred output format, “Adobe PDF” or “Image File”

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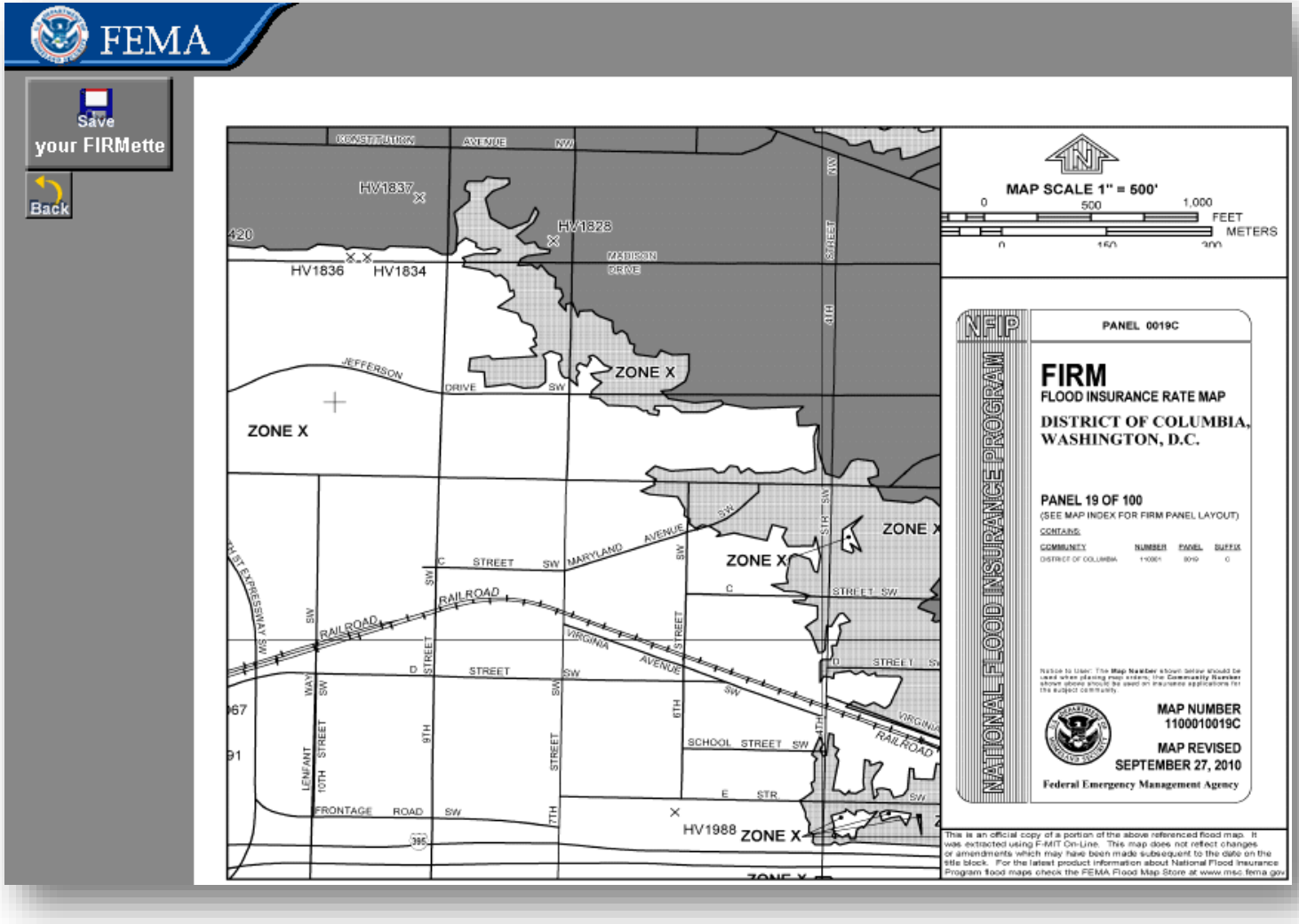
- Your FIRMette will appear and can be saved to your hard drive.
- You can also go back and make additional FIRMettes from the same panel.



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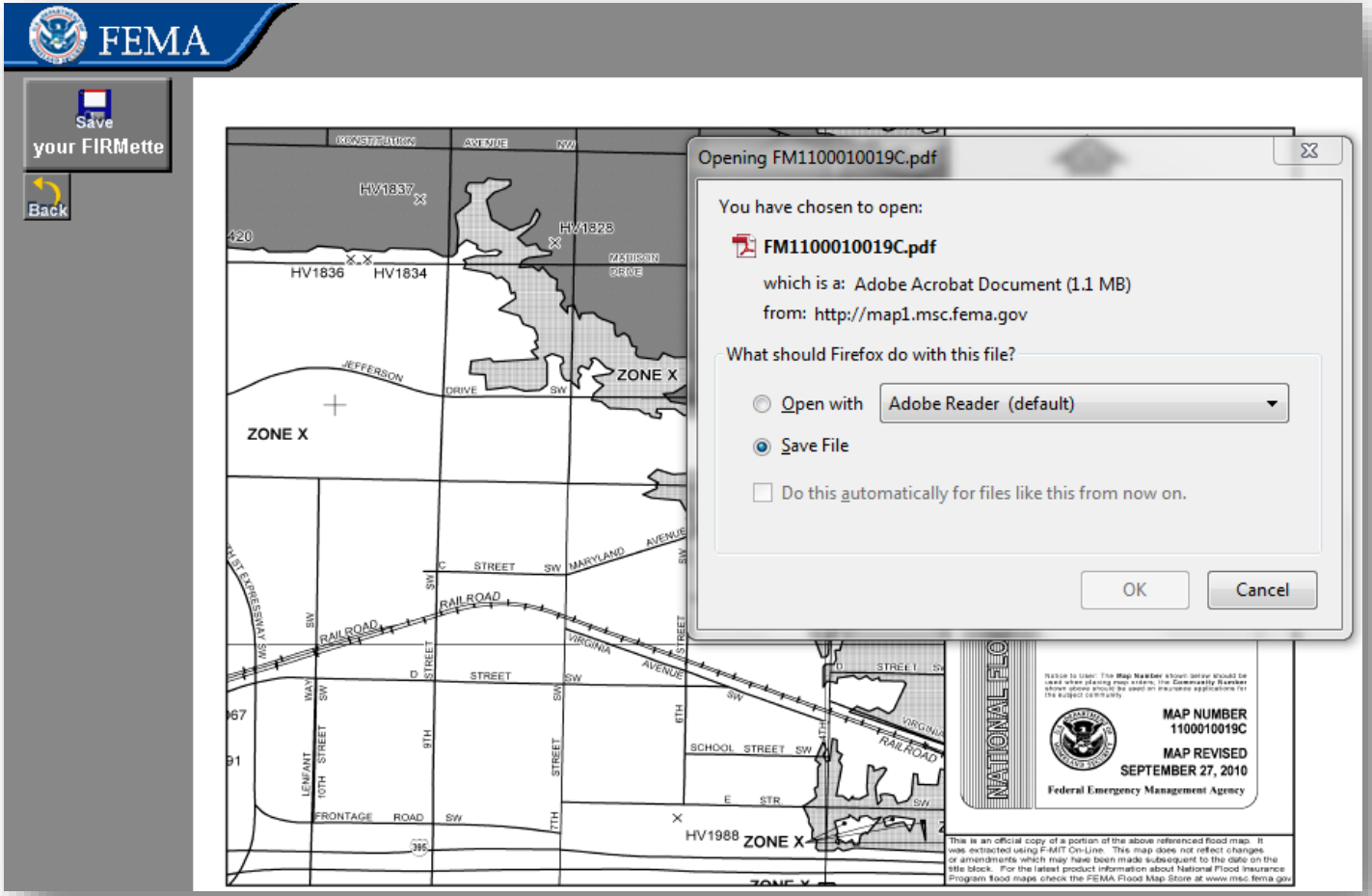


Once saved and/or opened in your local viewer, you can print out the FIRMettes on the appropriate-sized paper corresponding to your earlier selection.

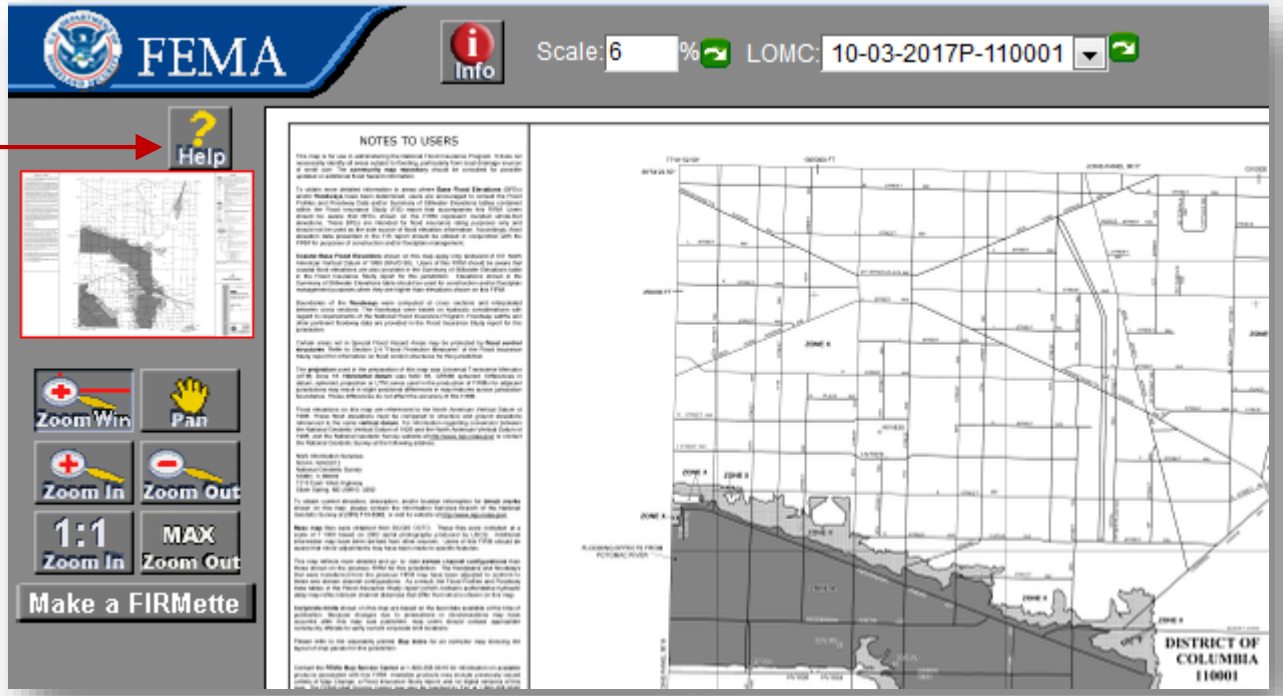
Troubleshooting

For technical assistance, please use the “Help” feature within the *FIRMette Web* tool or contact a FEMA Map Specialist by phone at:

1 (877) FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627)

or by email at:

FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com



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