

Governor Tina Kotek
Office of the Governor
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RE: FEMA PRE-IMPLEMENTATION COMPLIANCE MEASURES (PICMs) FOR NFIP COMMUNITIES IN OREGON

Dear Governor Kotek:

I am contacting you to express my concern about FEMA's Pre-Compliance Implementation Measures (PICMs). If my community has to adopt the new rules as currently proposed, it will have significant consequences for not only my property, but also for all residential, economic, agricultural and infrastructure development.

The new rules that would be placed on individual property owners will put the cost of development out of reach for many of us. The mitigation requirements, even for the smallest of projects, means that many owners will not be able to improve their properties. Property values will eventually decrease when people cannot improve their land. The new rules will directly impact our quality of life and, eventually, the tax base of Clatsop County and its cities.

The new rules were rolled out with no public input and with no warning to property owners. This is an enormous unfunded mandate that will be carried by local tax payers such as myself. FEMA already has significant floodplain permitting requirements that have made construction more expensive. Now, anyone who wants to build in the floodplain will be forced to spend thousands more just to build a small addition to their home. This will not fix the housing crisis that my community is working to solve.

While I understand and support protections for endangered species, they must be balanced with the need to provide for people, economic development, and housing. **For these reasons, I am asking you to call on FEMA to immediately halt the December 1, 2024 deadline.** This issue needs additional public review and input from the property owners and citizens like me that will be affected.

Respectfully,