

## Colorado Hazard Mapping Program - Phase I



WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Following the September 2013 flood disaster, Colorado has taken steps toward long-term planning and resiliency efforts for flooding and other natural hazards. In early 2015, Colorado's legislature passed a funding bill for the Colorado Hazard Mapping Program, which aims to provide a mitigation and land use framework in areas likely to be affected by future flooding, erosion, and debris flow events. Phase I of the Colorado Hazard Mapping Program is to prepare updated hazard information for the streams most affected by the September 2013 flooding, including streams in your community. The work includes field reconnaissance and survey, creating terrain models from updated topographic datasets, evaluating hydrology (flows), and modeling to produce floodplain limits reflecting the changed conditions. Community leaders will use the updated hazard information to assess risk and identify mitigation opportunities in their community. The updated information is also intended to eventually be used to update the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which are used to determine flood insurance requirements. The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) is the lead agency coordinating the Colorado Hazard Mapping Program. CWCB is working with AECOM, a nationally-recognized engineering firm, to conduct the technical work.

## WILL IT AFFECT ME?

See the map below for the streams included in Phase I. Field reconnaissance and survey crews from AECOM will be gathering information along streams in the late summer of 2015 and in the fall of 2016. They will attempt to contact any private landowners in these areas prior to gaining access.

## Where can I get more information?

Find more information about the project at <a href="www.coloradohazardmapping.com">www.coloradohazardmapping.com</a>. For more specific information on the project or regarding your flood risk, please contact your local floodplain administrator.

