

ESTABLISHING AND RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE SILVER JACKETS TEAM

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT AND SILVER JACKETS WORKSHOP

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- ***Why did you decide to engage in developing a SJ Team?***
 - The MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (MT-DNRC) and Department of Environmental Quality (MT-DEQ) had been actively working on a report titled, Montana Floodplain Management Assessment. It was completed in July 2011. The MT-DNRC was eager to become involved on the SJ Team and take the lead as the State Agency.
- ***Who are the key players for a team?***
 - The signed SJ Team Charter members are the MT-DNRC, MT-Disaster and Emergency Services, FEMA-Region VIII, USACE-Omaha and Seattle District
- ***How was it decided to invite these people to participate?***
 - The Omaha District made suggestions of various agencies based on other State SJ Teams. The MT-DNRC selected agencies and sent email invites for the first conference call and included information about the Silver Jackets Program. The MT-DNRC had the best insight about the agencies in their State.



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- ***What are the key functions of a team?***
 - Pool agency resources and information around the shared purpose of reducing flood risk and protecting the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains in Montana
 - Work together and share data/information that may be useful to other agencies
 - Examine and develop the recommendations in the July 2011 report, *Montana Floodplain Management Assessment: Strengthening Policies and Programs that Reduce Flood Risk and Protect Floodplains*
 - Support the State of Montana by identifying and collectively pursuing funding opportunities that will support implementation of the recommendations outlined in the above report

