



# SILVER JACKETS

Many Agencies One Solution

## Idaho Silver Jackets

# South Fork Coeur d'Alene Watershed Pilot Project



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## Pilot Project Background

- BEIPC Exec Director requests ID SJ assistance
- ID SJ Agency Administrators direct ID SJ to assist community to find path forward
- ID SJ liaison appointed
- Pilot project proposal funded September 2012
- ID SJ team met with Shoshone County representatives, State Senator and others to discuss pilot project scope and key players



## Pilot Project Goals and Objectives

### Goal:

- Help the community help themselves

### Objectives:

- Examine and understand watershed flood risk
- Develop sustainable community strategy to mitigate flood risk
- Conduct in collaborative manner
- Identify flood risk mitigation actions community can pursue with available resources in short- and long-term



## Key Players

- Idaho Silver Jackets Team
- Flood Risk Management Working Group
  - Floodplain administrators from Shoshone County and seven municipalities
  - Shoshone County Emergency Manager
  - Shoshone County Public Works Director
  - Shoshone County Board of Commissioners
  - BEIPC Executive Director
  - Panhandle Health District, Institutional Control Prgm
  - Environmental Protection Agency
- Stakeholders – Others with technical expertise in floodplain management



## ID Silver Jackets Roles/Responsibilities

- Facilitate and coordinate pilot project process
- Compile information, conduct assessments, and develop products in collaboration with Working Group
- Provide technical expertise and staff support about available agency flood risk programs and resources
- Facilitate Working Group meetings and develop meeting notes



## Flood Risk Management Working Group Roles/Responsibilities

- Assist with identification and compilation of key information
- Provide meeting facilities and any required public meeting advertisement
- Review and comment on Flood Risk Mitigation Action Plan
- Identify flood risk mitigation action priorities
- Implement flood risk mitigation actions



## Pilot Project Tasks/Products

- Formation of Flood Risk Management Working Group
- Develop Flood Risk Mitigation Action Table
  - Assessed status of current HMP actions
  - Identified additional flood risk mitigation actions
  - Data inventory
  - Mapped assessment of remediated sites and floodplain
  - Flood risk assessment
- Community outreach
  - Agency resources and programs guide
  - Briefings and presentations on NFIP, Levee programs, etc.



## Challenges

- Turn over in Local Flood Risk Working Group
- Limited community resources – technical and funding
- Complex issues and challenges that pilot project scope cannot solve
  - Long-term problem
  - Higher level of State support needed (Governor's office as opposed to agency directors)





## Lessons Learned

- Develop project management plan collaboratively with local community
- Stick to pilot project objectives but be flexible
- Document meeting discussions, decisions and action items
- Communicate extensively with local Working Group and Silver Jackets team outside meetings to monitor community perceptions and flex as appropriate
- Focus the process on what the community can do
- Work the plan (county hazard mitigation plan)