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# How to Find Your FIRM and Make a FIRMMette

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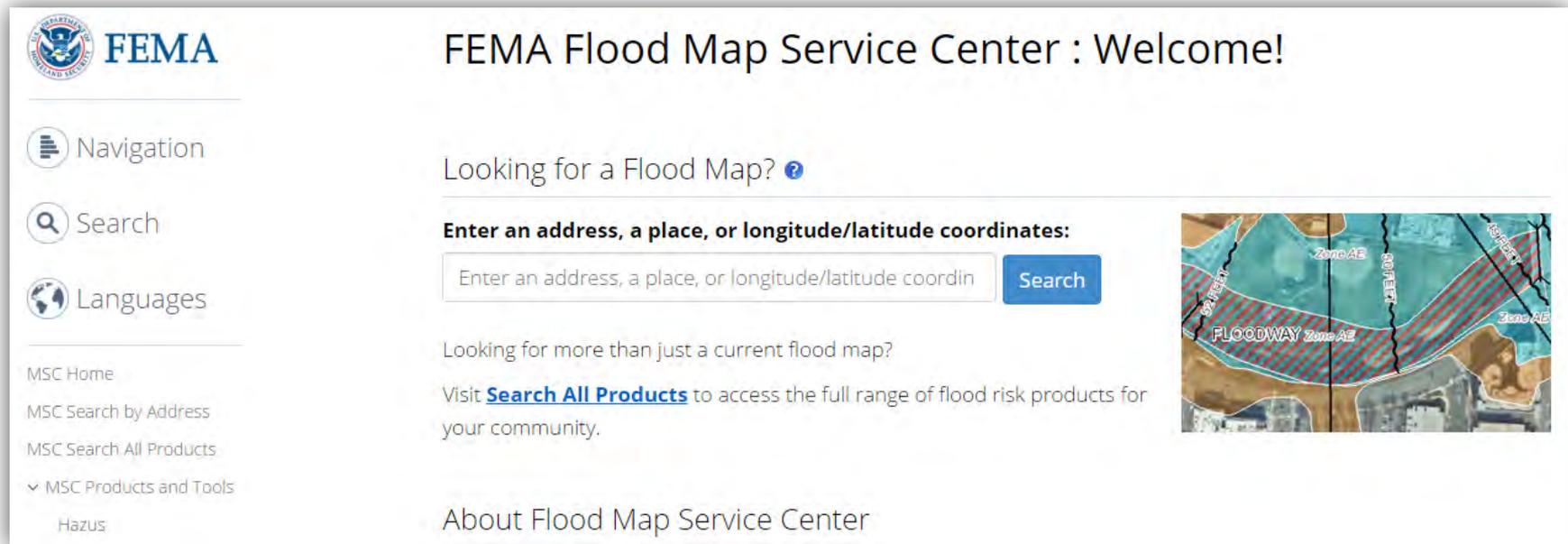
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# Getting Started

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



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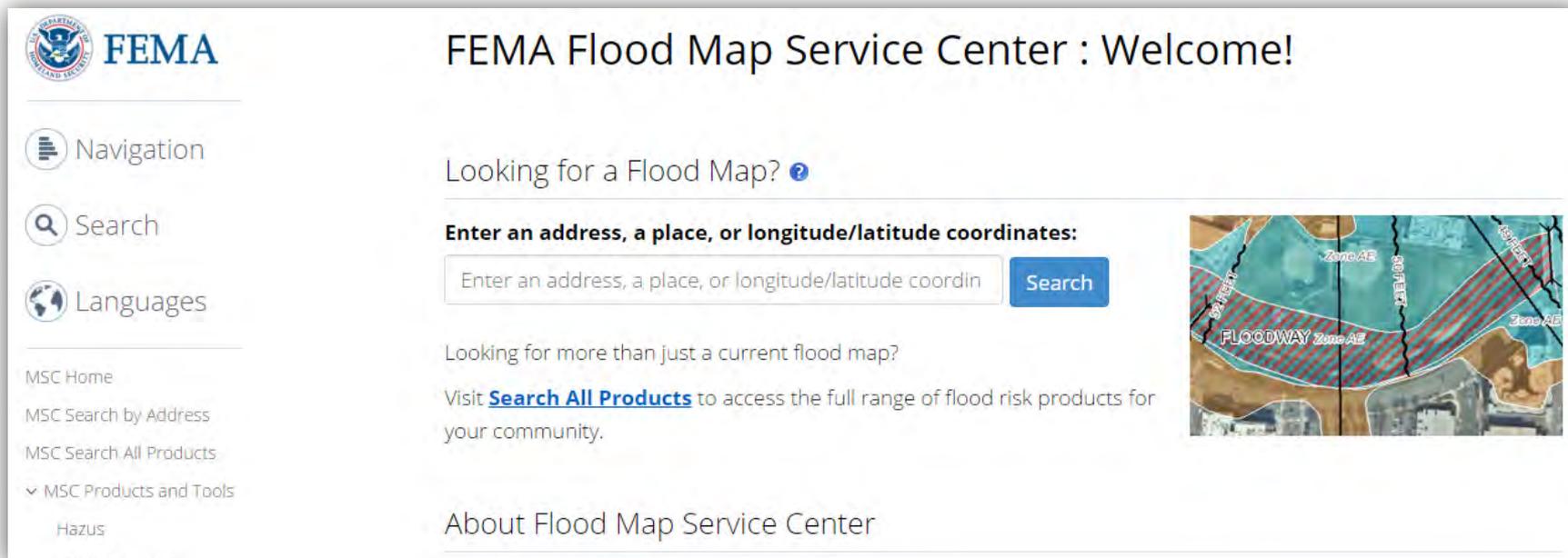
- A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is an official flood map used in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- A FIRMette is a full-scale section of a FIRM that you create yourself.

# Step One

# Find Your Flood Map

[Search by Address](#) is for finding all of the maps for your community. 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.

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# Step One

## Option A: Search by Address

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

The screenshot shows the FEMA FIRMette search results page. At the top, there is a search box containing the ZIP code "20001" and a "Search" button. Below the search box, there is a lightbulb icon and a text box explaining the available actions: "The buttons below let you view and print the selected flood map, download the flood map image, open an interactive flood map (if available), or expand the search to all products to view effective, preliminary, pending, or historic maps, and risk products for the community. The locator map shows flood map boundaries in your area of interest. You can choose a new flood map by clicking elsewhere on the locator map or entering a new location in the search box."

The main heading is "Search Results—Products for DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA". Below this, it states: "The flood map for the selected area is number **1100010018C**, effective on **09/27/2010**". To the right of this text are three icons: "VIEW MAP" (a magnifying glass), "SAVE MAP" (a green download arrow), and "INTERACTIVE MAP" (a blue circular arrow). A red arrow points from the "VIEW MAP" icon to the "View Map" button in the text box on the left. To the right of these icons is a button that says "Show all products for this area" with a blue double-right arrow icon.

Below the main heading, there is a section titled "Letters of Map Change" with a question mark icon. It lists: "Revisions (1)", "Amendments (1)", and "Revalidations (0)".

At the bottom, there is a "Locator Map" section. It shows a map of Washington, D.C., with a light blue vertical line indicating the selected FIRM panel. A red arrow points from the text box on the left to this light blue line on the map. The map includes street names like "E St NW", "17th", "14th St", "7th St", "6th St", "3rd St NW", and "US-50 WASHINGTON". There is also a "Hybrid" map view icon in the bottom right corner of the map area.

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

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## Option B: Search All Products

Advanced users may find Effective and Historic FIRMs available for a community, as well as a listing of all other available flood hazard products, using the “[Search All Products](#)” feature from the homepage.

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## Option B: Search All Products

Once you've entered your community and selected "All Products", it will take you to a listing of all available products (including Historic FIRMs), for your selected jurisdiction that you can then choose to view in the [FIRMette Web](#) tool.

**Please note:** Searches often result in many map files listed under a given section. You can determine the Product ID for the individual map panel needed by looking at the Map Index file. The index map files have "IND" within the Product ID and appear at the start of the list. These index files show an overview of a jurisdiction and how it is subdivided into map panels with the Product ID for each panel shown.

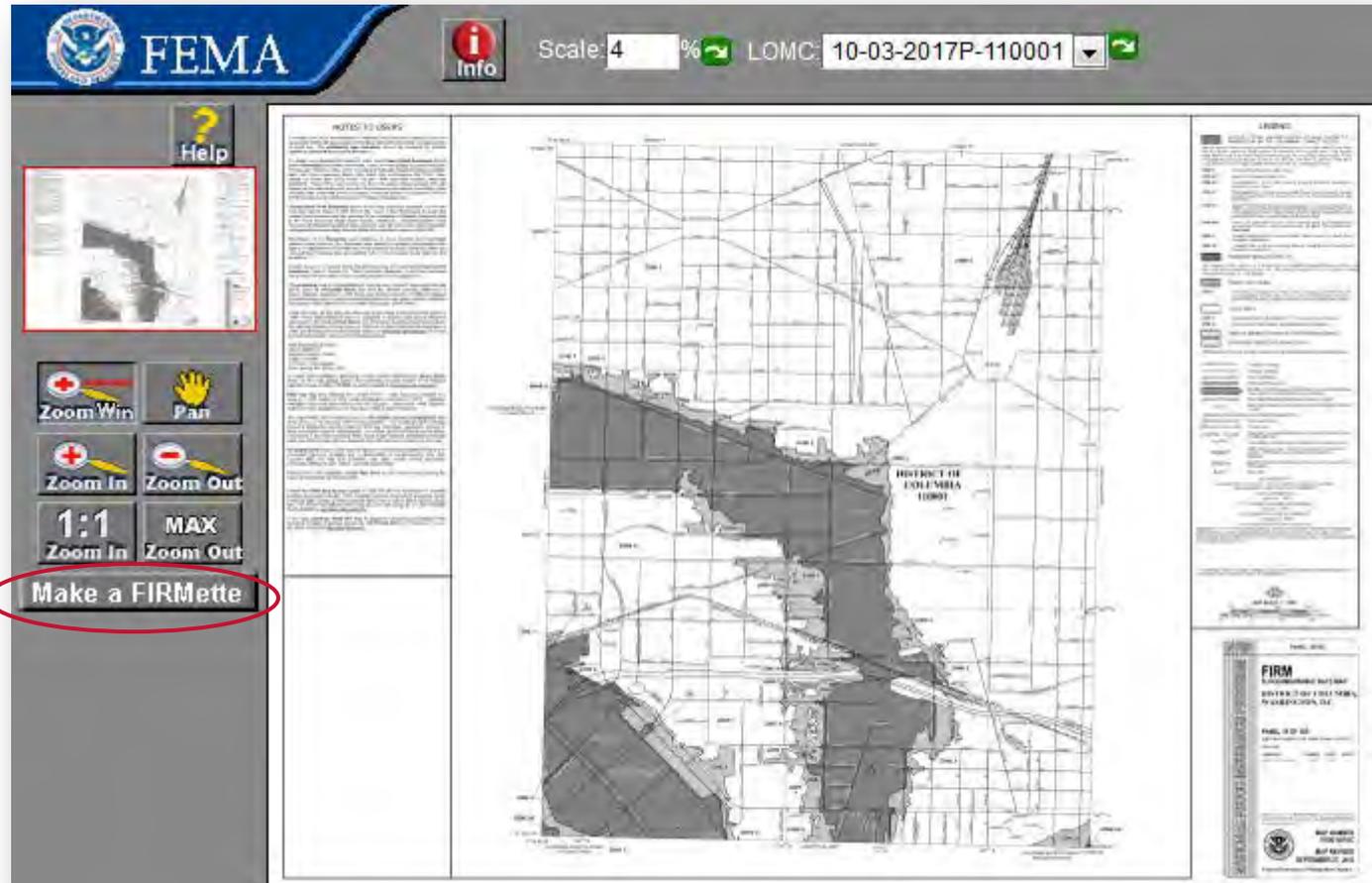
Show  entries    Showing 1 to 9 of 9 entries    Previous **1** Next

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

# Step Two

## Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

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



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## Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

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 new pink layer.

The screenshot displays the FIRMette Web interface. At the top, the FEMA logo is visible on the left, and the scale is set to 6% with LOMC 10-03-2017P-110001. The main map area shows a grid overlay on a map of the District of Columbia, with a pink selection box highlighting a specific area. The interface includes a toolbar on the left with buttons for Zoom Win, Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out, 1:1, and MAX. Below the toolbar, there are instructions for selecting page size (Letter 8.5x11, Legal 8.5x14, Tabloid 11x17), selecting and moving areas (Print Area, Scale and North Arrow, Title Block), and creating the FIRMette (Adobe PDF, Image File). A legend is visible on the right side of the map. A small inset window shows a preview of the FIRMette output, which is a green document with the FEMA logo and the text 'FIRMette'.

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## Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

- 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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# Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

- 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.

The screenshot displays the FEMA FIRMette Web interface. At the top left, the FEMA logo is visible. A red circle highlights a button labeled "Save your FIRMette" with a floppy disk icon, and a "Back" button is located below it. The main area shows a map of a flood zone, specifically "ZONE X", with various streets and landmarks labeled. The map includes a scale bar indicating "MAP SCALE 1" = 500'" and "0 500 1,000 FEET METERS". To the right of the map is a metadata panel for "FIRM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D.C." with the following details:

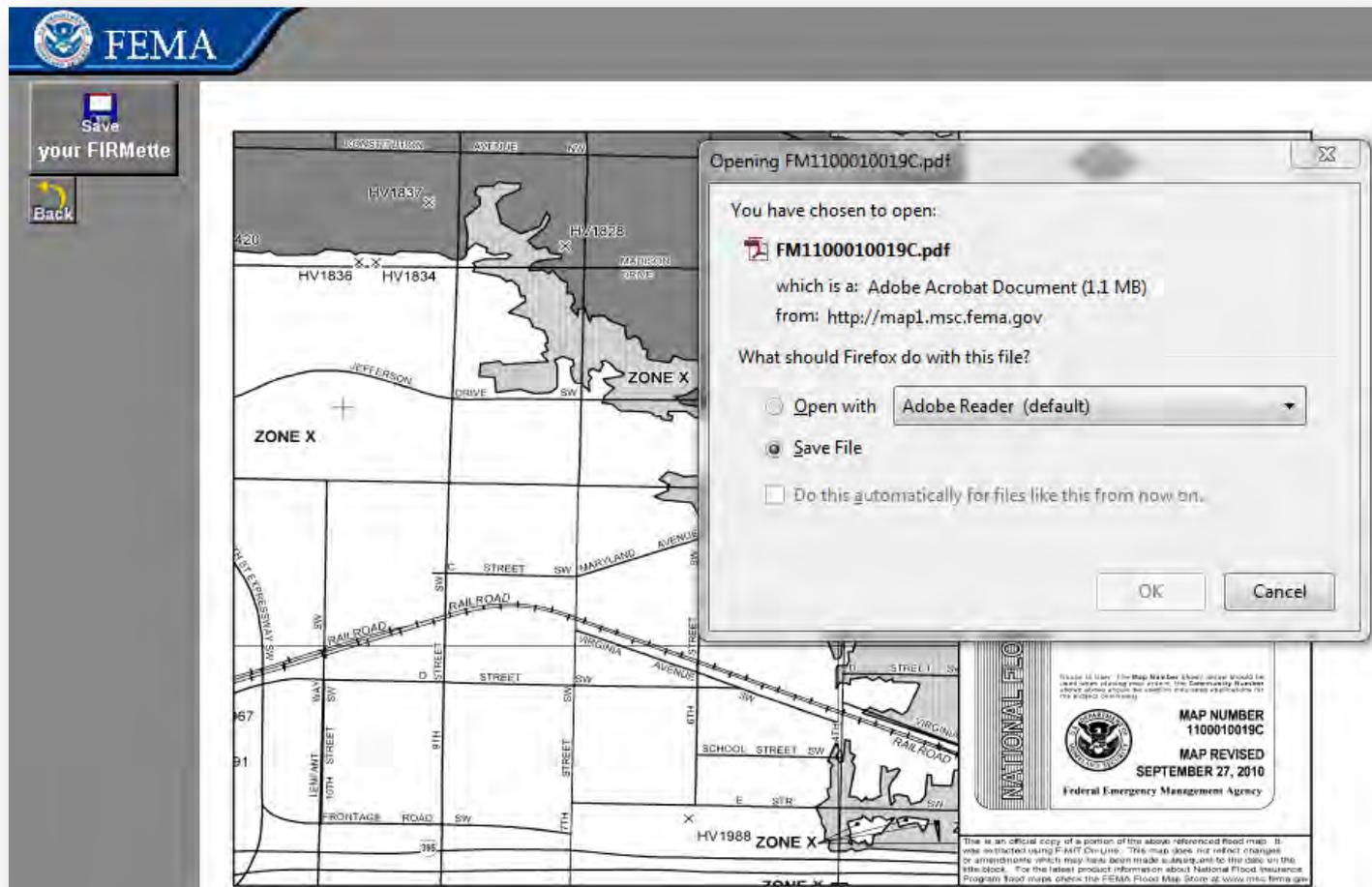
- PANEL 0019C
- PANEL 19 OF 100 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)
- COMMUNITY NUMBER: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1100010019C
- PANEL SUFFIX: 0
- MAP NUMBER: 1100010019C
- MAP REVISED: SEPTEMBER 27, 2010
- Federal Emergency Management Agency

At the bottom of the metadata panel, there is a disclaimer: "This is an official copy of a portion of the above referenced flood map. It was extracted using F-Edit On-Line. This map does not reflect changes or amendments which may have been made subsequent to the date on the title block. For the latest product information about National Flood Insurance Program flood maps check the FEMA Flood Map Store at www.msc.fema.gov"

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# Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

Once you have saved and/or opened your FIRMette in your local viewer, you can print it out the on the appropriate-sized paper corresponding to your earlier selection. To preserve the scale from the original FIRM map, save as PDF and change print settings to "actual size"



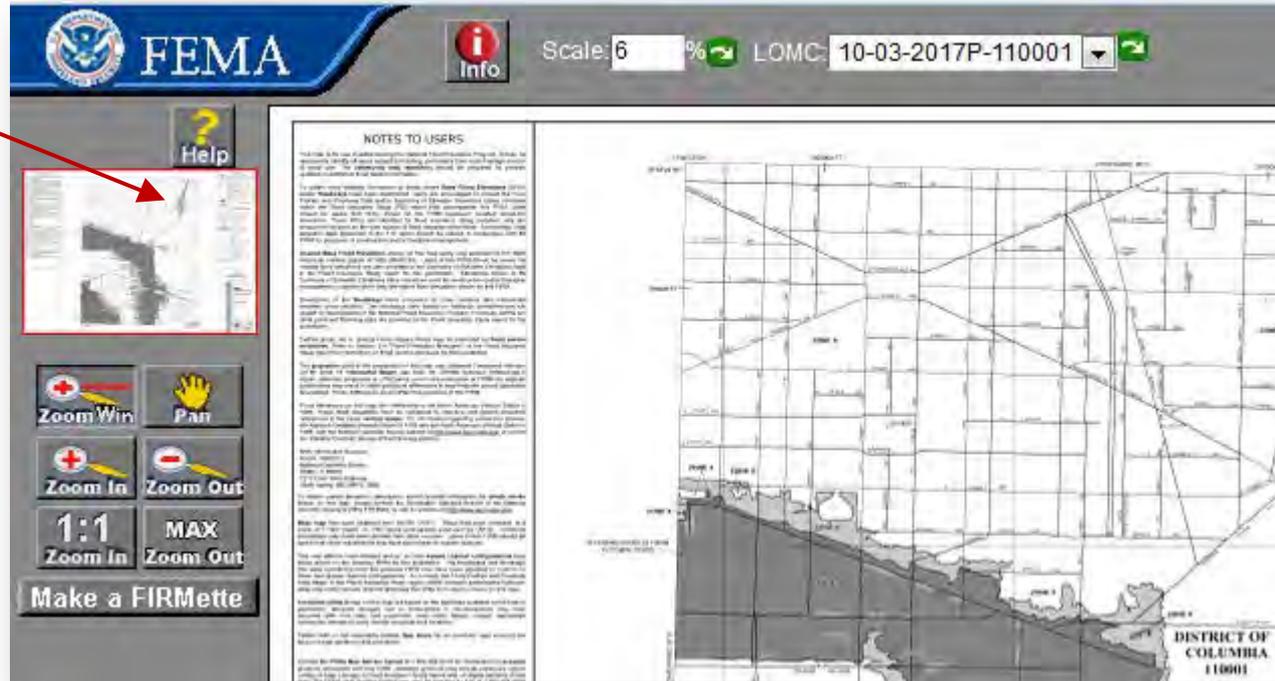
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For technical assistance, please use the **“Help” feature** within the *FIRMette Web* tool or contact a FEMA Map Specialist by phone at:

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

or by email at:

[FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com](mailto:FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com)



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