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How to Find Your FIRM and Make a FIRMMette

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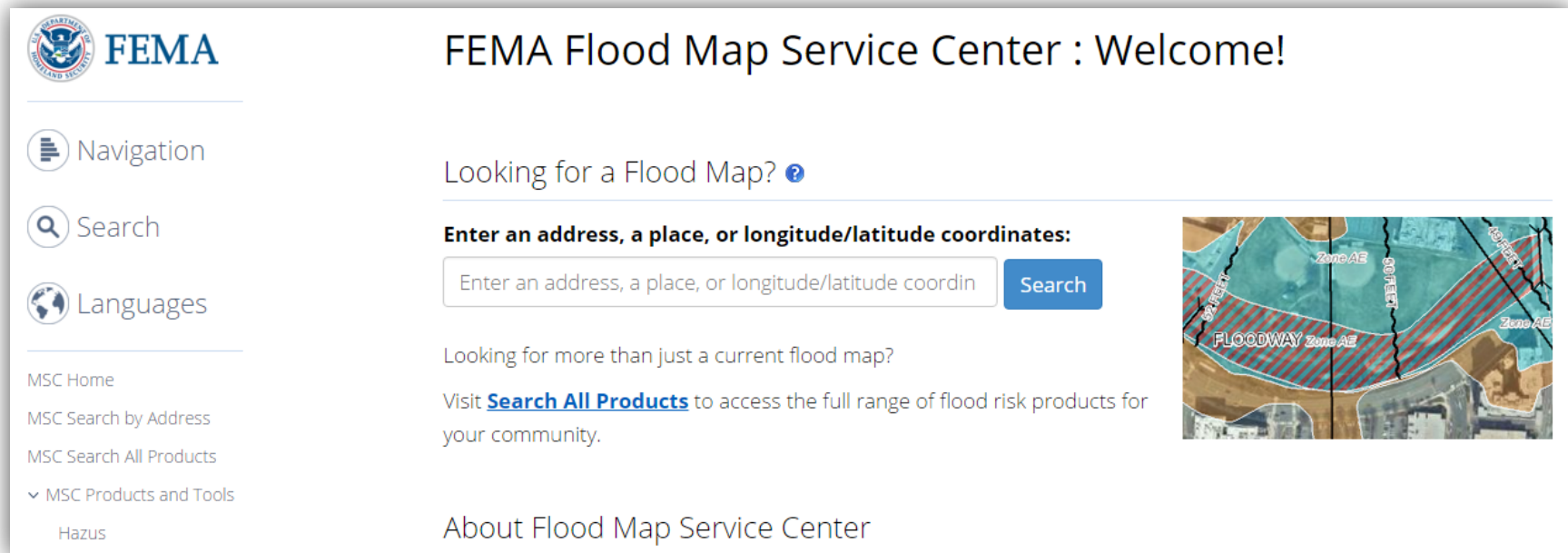
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Getting Started

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



The screenshot shows the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) website. On the left is a navigation menu with the FEMA logo and links for Navigation, Search, Languages, MSC Home, MSC Search by Address, MSC Search All Products, MSC Products and Tools, and Hazus. The main content area features a welcome message, a search prompt "Looking for a Flood Map?", a search input field with a "Search" button, and a link to "Search All Products". A small map on the right shows flood zones labeled "Zone AE" and "FLOODWAY Zone AE".

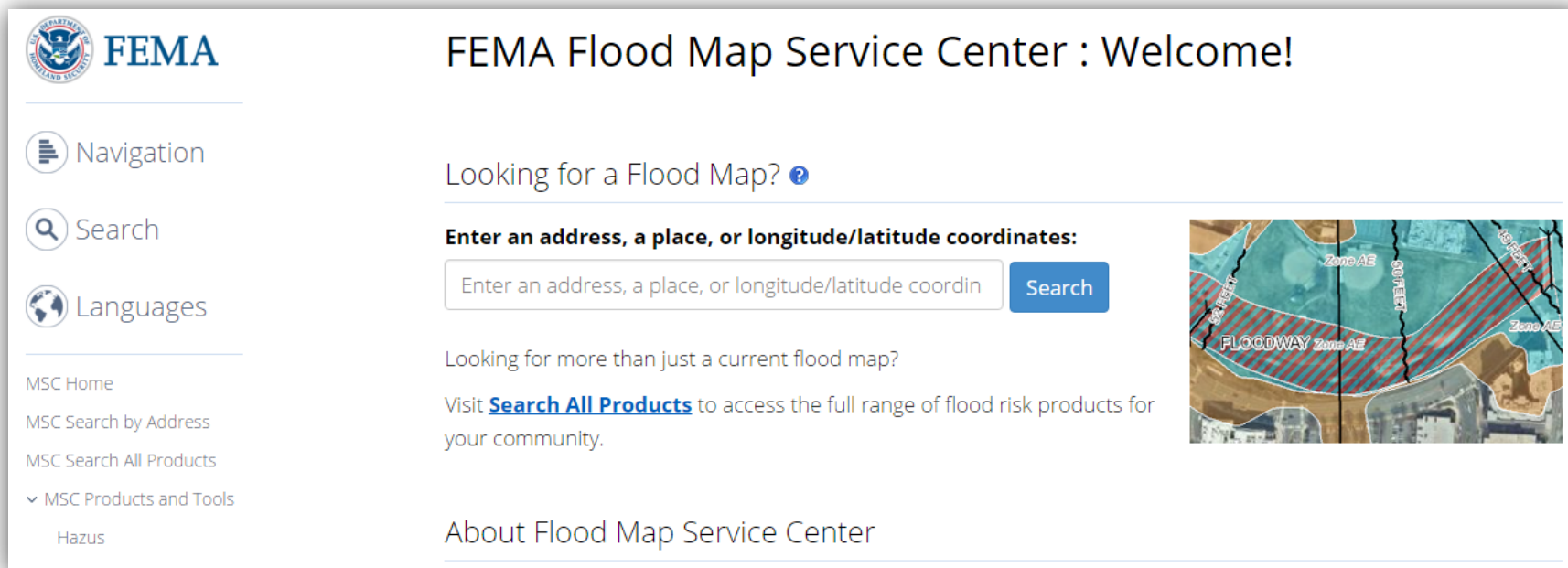
- A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is an official flood map used in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- A FIRMette is a full-scale section of a FIRM that you create yourself.

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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FEMA Flood Map Service Center : Welcome!

Looking for a Flood Map? ?


Enter an address, a place, or longitude/latitude coordinates:

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Looking for more than just a current flood map?

Visit [Search All Products](#) to access the full range of flood risk products for your community.

About Flood Map Service Center



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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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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 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 globe). 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 right-pointing arrow icon.

Below the main heading 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 is a "Locator Map" showing a street map of Washington, D.C. A red arrow points from the "VIEW MAP" icon to a light blue vertical line on the map, which represents the selected FIRM panel. The map shows streets like "E St NW", "17th", "14th St", "7th St", "6th St", "3rd St NW", "US-50", "US-1", "National Mall", and "United States". A "Hybrid" map style selector is visible 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.

Effective Products (42) ?
Preliminary Products (0) ?
Pending Product (0) ?
Historic Products (13) ?
 FIRM Panels (9) 

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	 DL	
110001	11/01/1974		2MB	 DL	
110001A	10/10/1975		5MB	 DL	
1100010005B	11/15/1985		1MB	 DL	
1100010010B	11/15/1985		1MB	 DL	
1100010015B	11/15/1985		5MB	 DL	
1100010020B	11/15/1985		1MB	 DL	
1100010025B	11/15/1985		9MB	 DL	
1100010030B	11/15/1985		6MB	 DL	

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Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

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

The screenshot displays the FEMA FIRMette Web interface. At the top, the FEMA logo and name are visible, along with an 'Info' icon, a scale of 4%, and a LOMC dropdown menu set to '10-03-2017P-110001'. The main area is divided into three panels: 'NOTES TO USERS' on the left, a large map of the 'DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (1000)' in the center, and a legend on the right. A toolbar on the left side contains several buttons: 'Zoom Win', 'Pan', 'Zoom In', 'Zoom Out', '1:1 Zoom In', 'MAX Zoom Out', and 'Make a FIRMette'. The 'Make a FIRMette' button is circled in red. A red callout box points to this button with the text 'Select the "Make a FIRMette" button.' A small inset window in the top left of the toolbar shows a thumbnail of the selected FIRM panel.

Select the "Make a FIRMette" button.

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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 shows the FIRMette Web interface. At the top, there is a FEMA logo and a scale of 6%. The main area displays a map of the District of Columbia with various zones labeled (ZONE A, ZONE B, etc.). A legend on the right side provides details for each zone. The interface includes a toolbar with navigation tools (Zoom Win, Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out) and printing options (Print Area, Scale and North Arrow, Title Block). A 'NOTES TO USERS' section is visible on the left, and a 'LEGEND' section is on the right. A pink layer is visible on the map, and a green box highlights a portion of the map.

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- 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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- 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)
- CONTAINS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1:500' 809 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-EXIT 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 on the appropriately-sized paper corresponding to your earlier selection.

The screenshot displays the FEMA FIRMette Web interface. At the top left, there is a 'Save your FIRMette' button and a 'Back' button. The main area shows a flood map with 'ZONE X' areas shaded in grey. The map includes street names such as 'JEFFERSON DRIVE', 'MAY STREET', '10TH STREET', 'FRONTAGE ROAD', '7TH STREET', '8TH STREET', '9TH STREET', '11TH STREET', '12TH STREET', '13TH STREET', '14TH STREET', '15TH STREET', '16TH STREET', '17TH STREET', '18TH STREET', '19TH STREET', '20TH STREET', '21ST STREET', '22ND STREET', '23RD STREET', '24TH STREET', '25TH STREET', '26TH STREET', '27TH STREET', '28TH STREET', '29TH STREET', '30TH STREET', '31ST STREET', '32ND STREET', '33RD STREET', '34TH STREET', '35TH STREET', '36TH STREET', '37TH STREET', '38TH STREET', '39TH STREET', '40TH STREET', '41ST STREET', '42ND STREET', '43RD STREET', '44TH STREET', '45TH STREET', '46TH STREET', '47TH STREET', '48TH STREET', '49TH STREET', '50TH STREET', '51ST STREET', '52ND STREET', '53RD STREET', '54TH STREET', '55TH STREET', '56TH STREET', '57TH STREET', '58TH STREET', '59TH STREET', '60TH STREET', '61ST STREET', '62ND STREET', '63RD STREET', '64TH STREET', '65TH STREET', '66TH STREET', '67TH STREET', '68TH STREET', '69TH STREET', '70TH STREET', '71ST STREET', '72ND STREET', '73RD STREET', '74TH STREET', '75TH STREET', '76TH STREET', '77TH STREET', '78TH STREET', '79TH STREET', '80TH STREET', '81ST STREET', '82ND STREET', '83RD STREET', '84TH STREET', '85TH STREET', '86TH STREET', '87TH STREET', '88TH STREET', '89TH STREET', '90TH STREET', '91ST STREET', '92ND STREET', '93RD STREET', '94TH STREET', '95TH STREET', '96TH STREET', '97TH STREET', '98TH STREET', '99TH STREET', '100TH STREET'. A 'RAILROAD' is also visible. A dialog box titled 'Opening FM1100010019C.pdf' is overlaid on the map, showing the file name and options to 'Open with Adobe Reader (default)', 'Save File', or 'Do this automatically for files like this from now on'. The dialog box also includes 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the bottom right corner of the map area, there is a 'NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM' logo and a 'MAP NUMBER 1100010019C' label, along with the date 'SEPTEMBER 27, 2010' and the 'Federal Emergency Management Agency' name. A disclaimer at the bottom right states: 'This is an official copy of a portion of the above referenced flood map. It was extracted using F-MIT 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.'

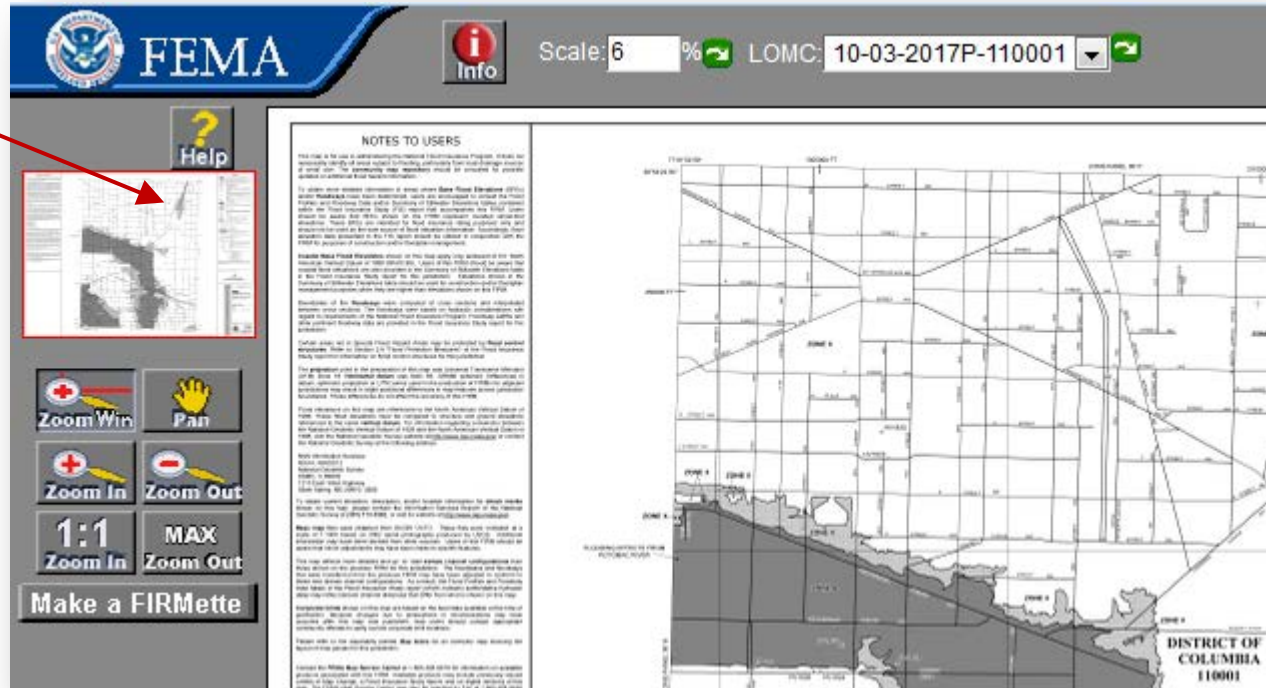
Troubleshooting

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



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