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How to Find Your FIRM and Make a FIRMette

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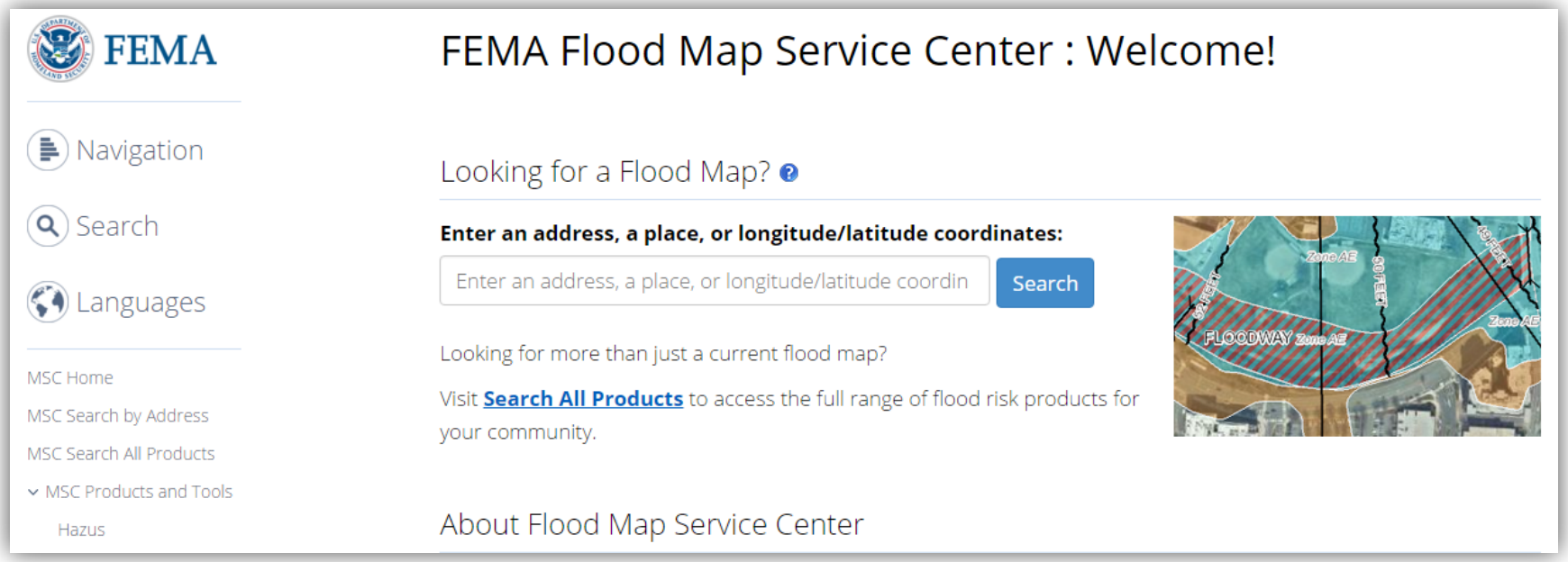
Getting Started

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



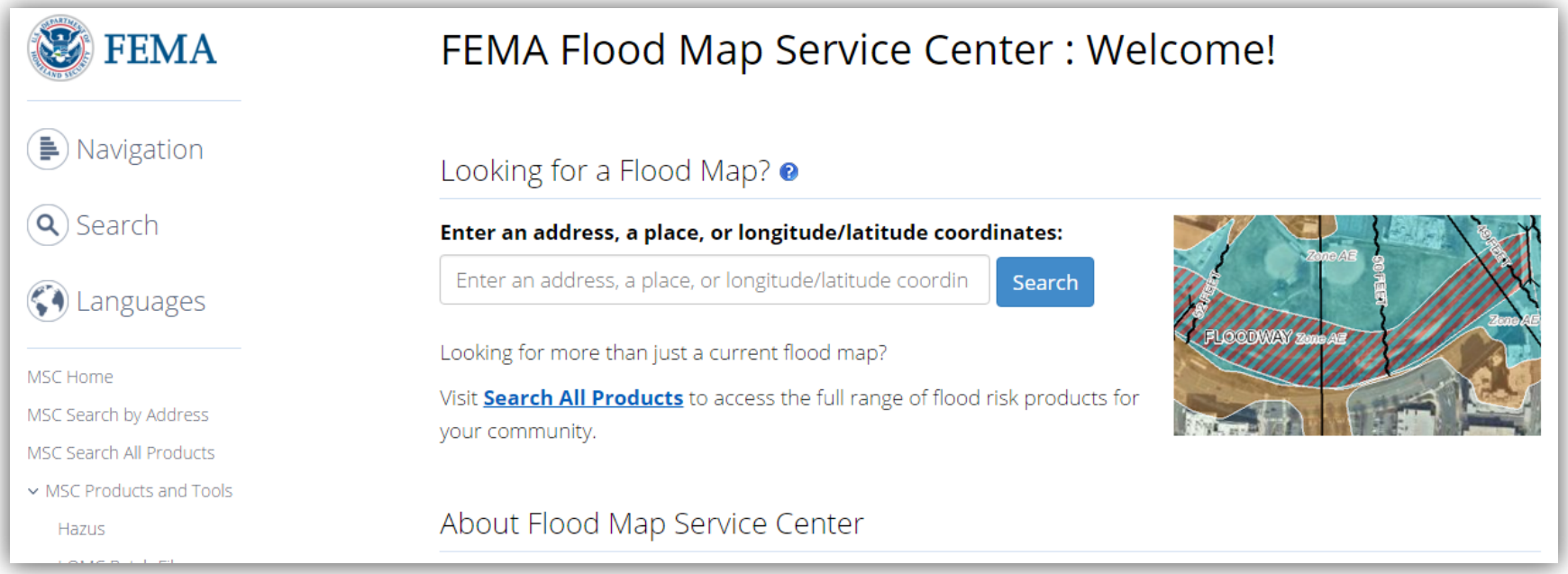
- A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is an official flood map used in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- A FIRMette is a full-scale section of a FIRM that you create yourself.

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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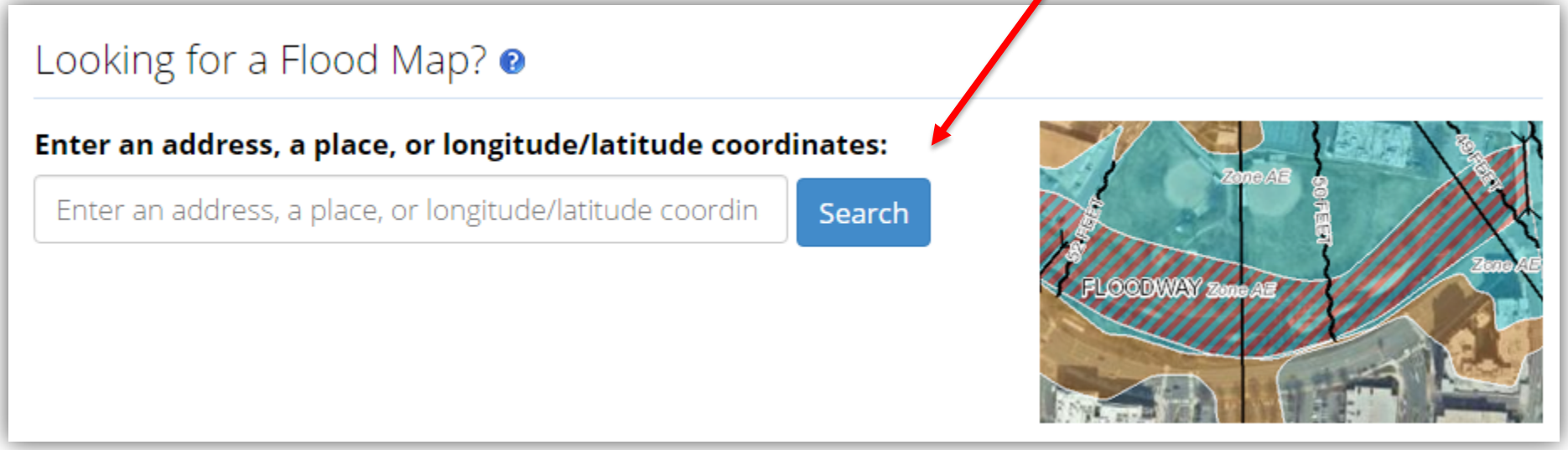
Option A: Search by Address

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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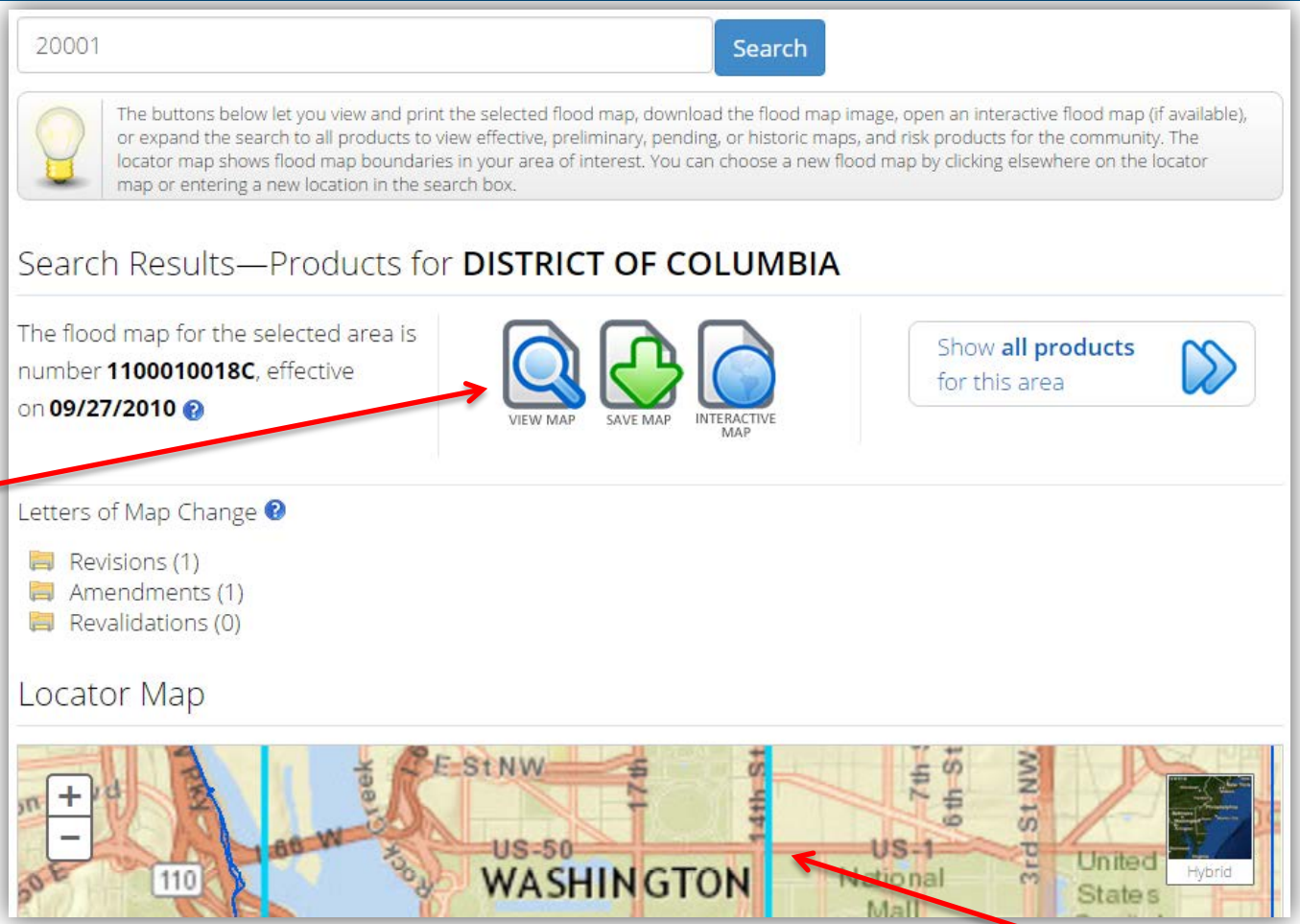
Option A: Search by Address

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.



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

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.

FEMA Flood Map Service Center : Welcome!

Looking for a Flood Map?

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

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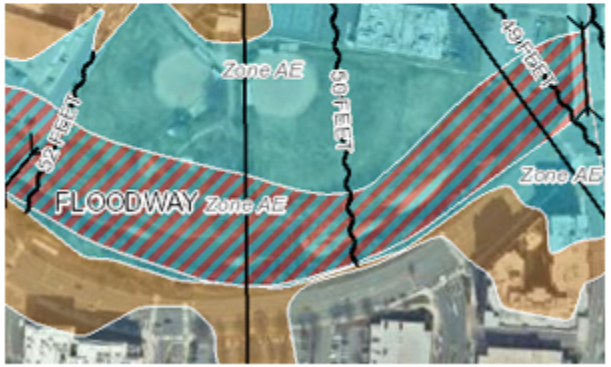
Looking for more than just a current flood map?

Visit **Search All Products** to access the full range of flood risk products for your community.



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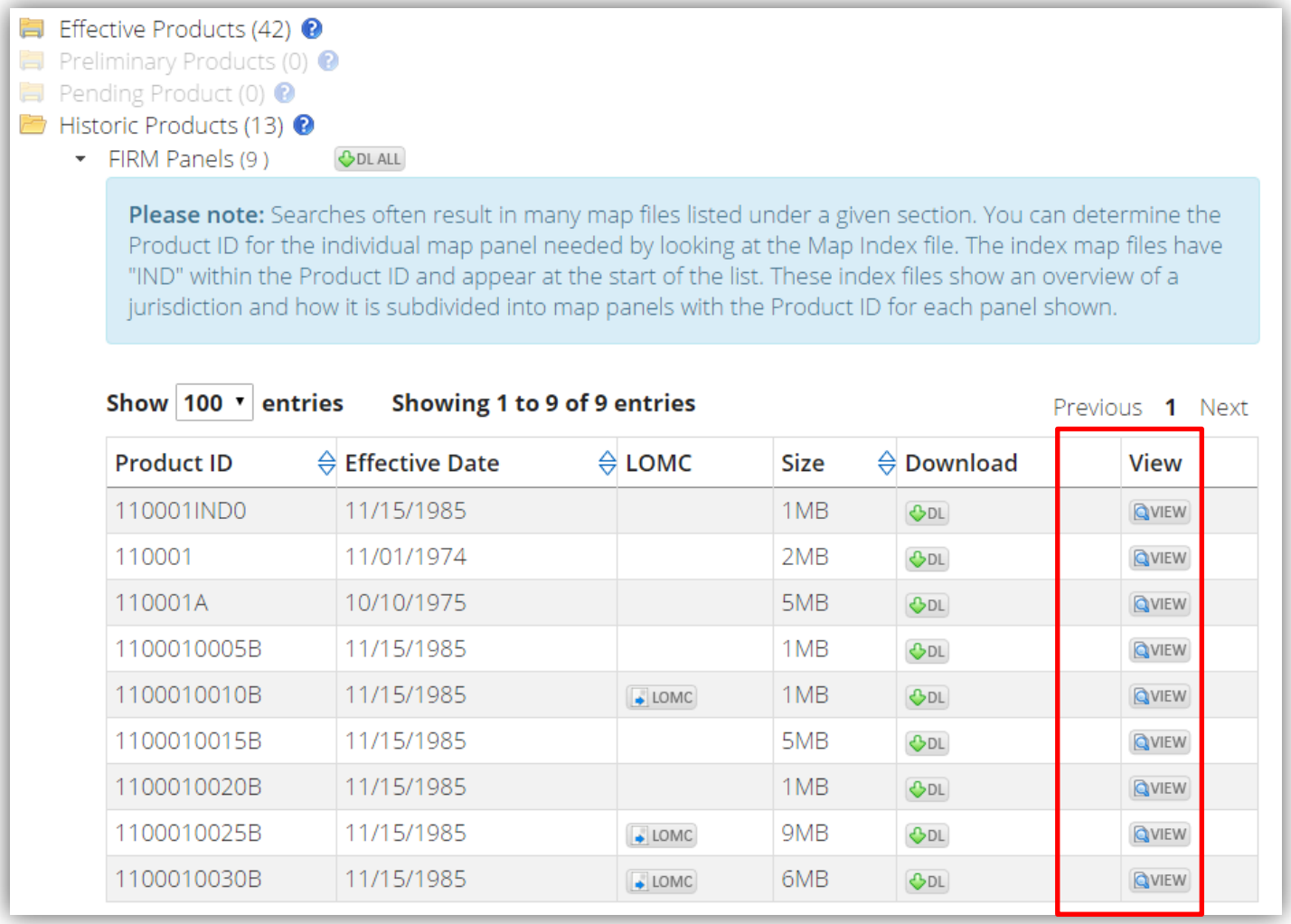
Option B: Search All Products

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.



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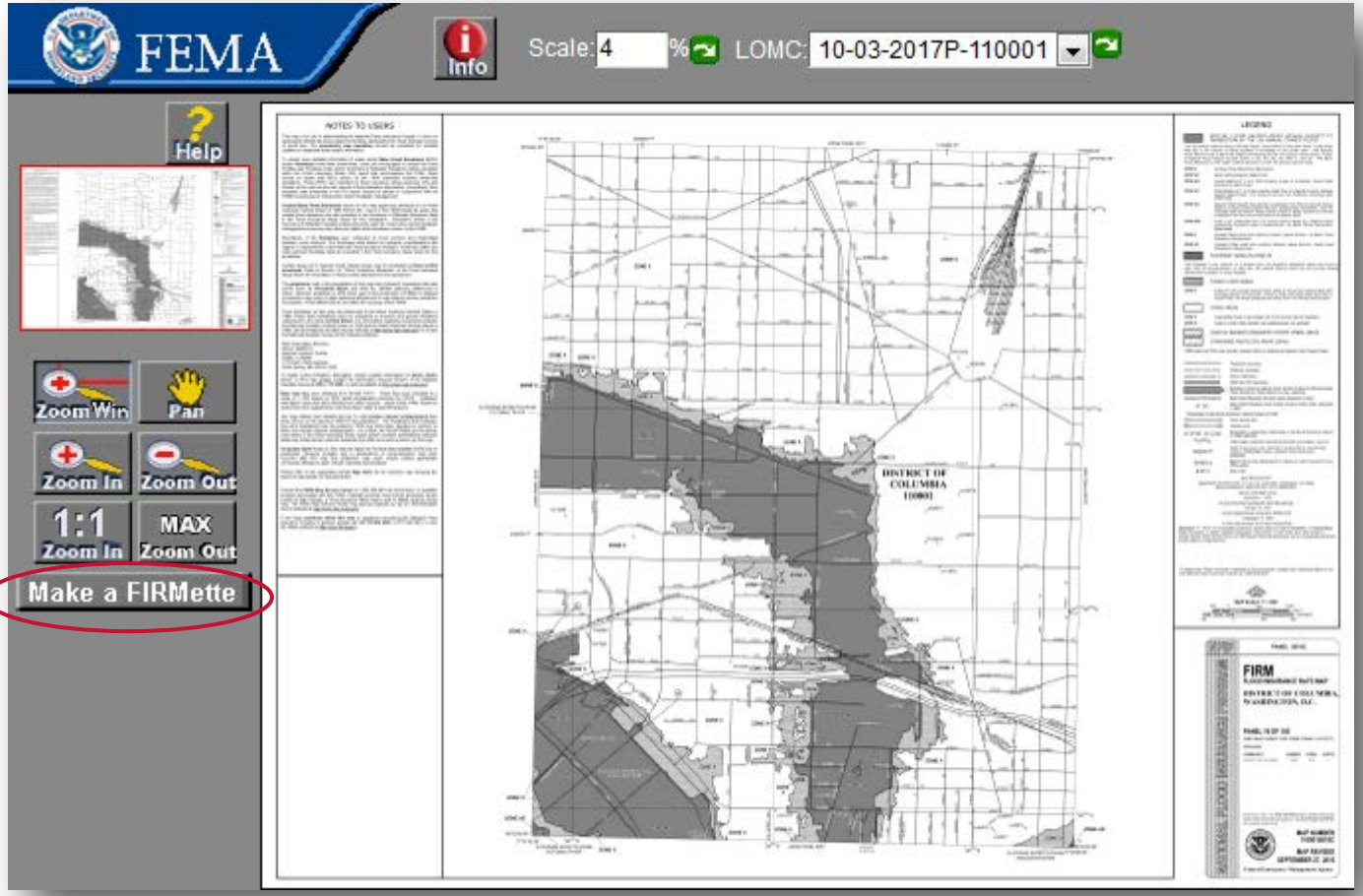
A new window will appear, containing the *FIRMette Web* tool, which will display the selected FIRM panel.

Select the “Make a FIRMette” button.



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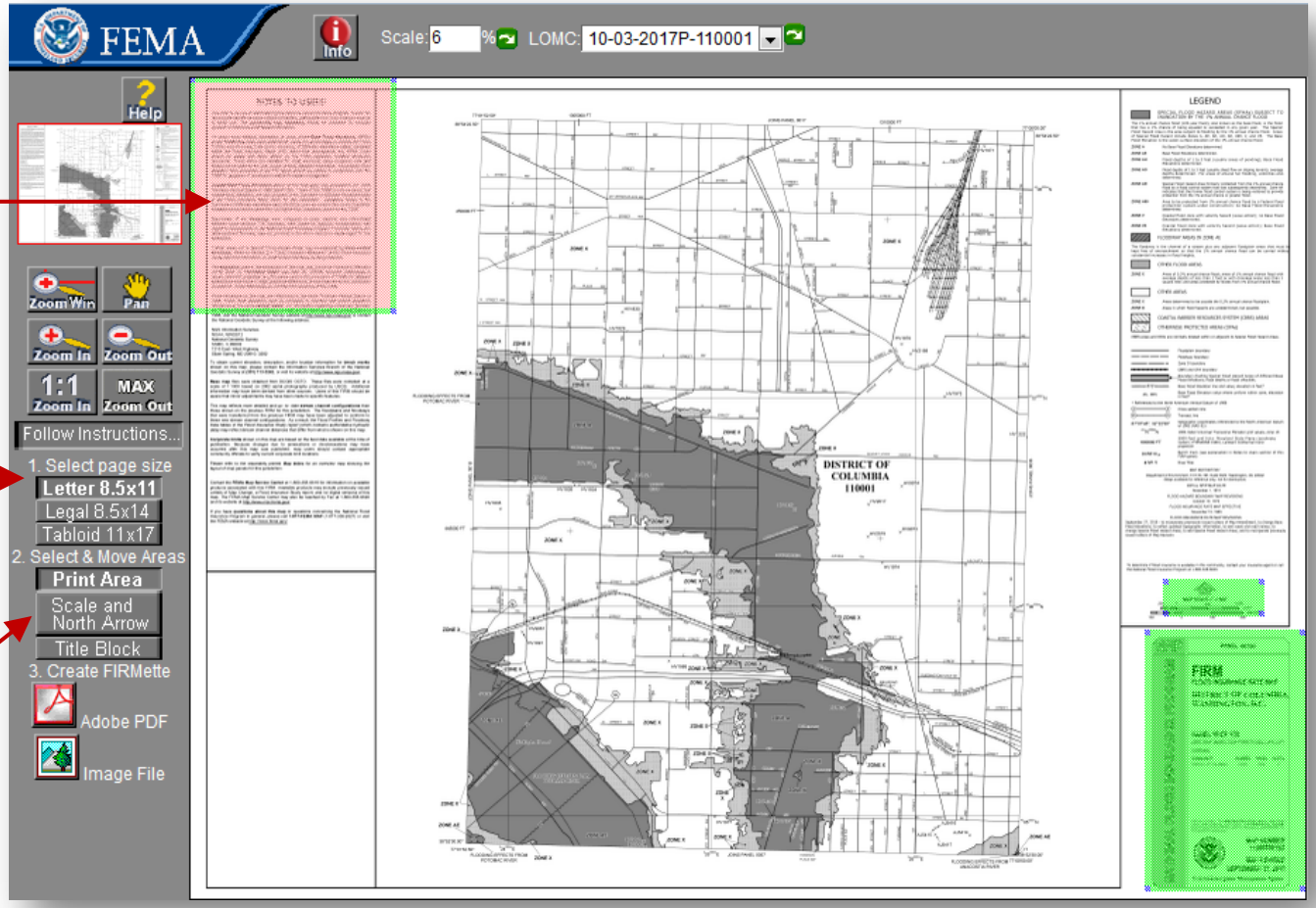
Click, hold, and drag the pink layer to cover the area you want in your FIRMette.

Choose your paper size.

To reposition the title block or scale and north arrow, click the appropriate button and drag the new pink layer.



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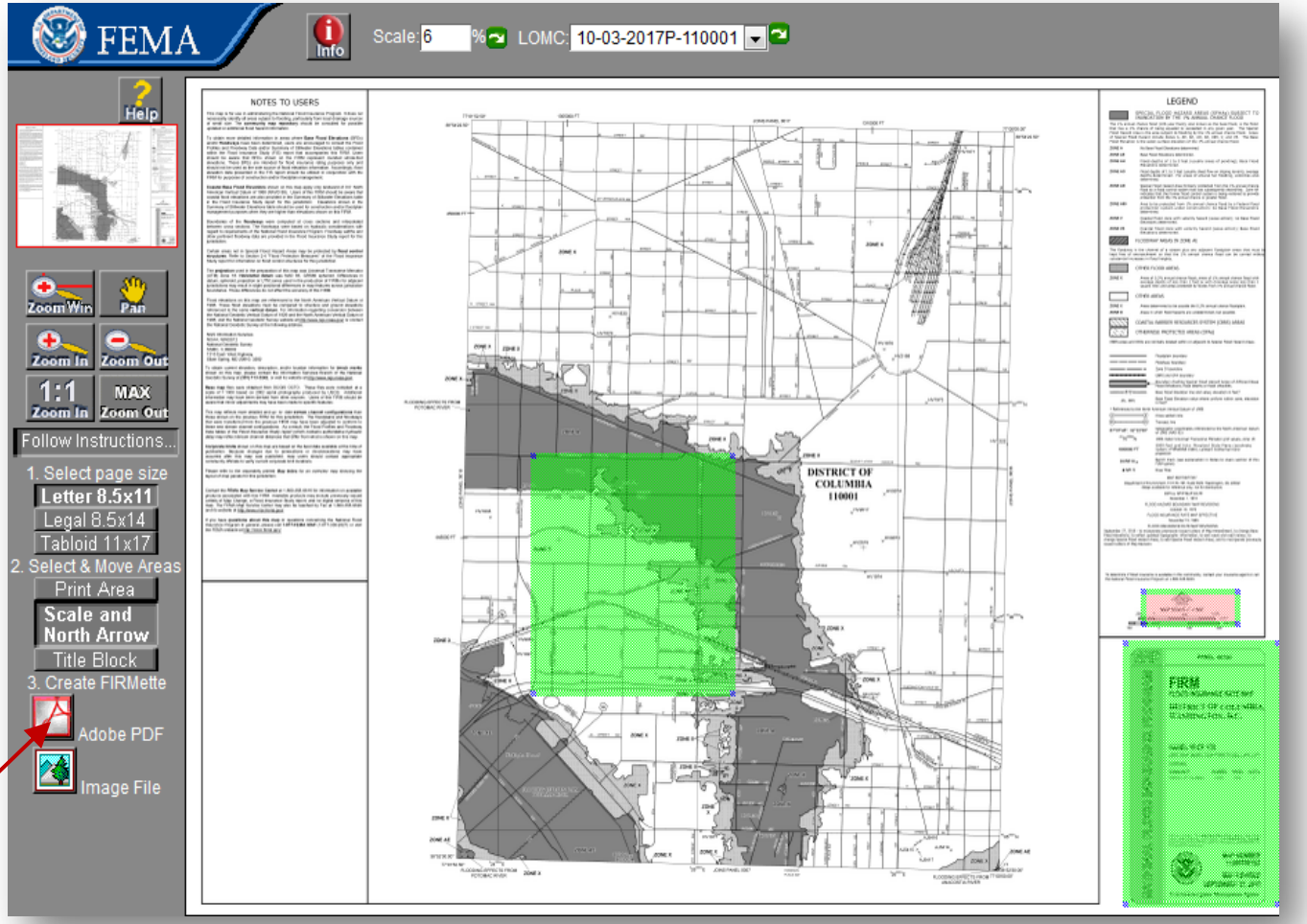
- You may use the Zoom and Pan functions to more precisely identify the area you want in your FIRMette.
- However, you must be zoomed out all the way in order to make a FIRMette correctly.

When ready, click on your preferred output format, “Adobe PDF” or “Image File”



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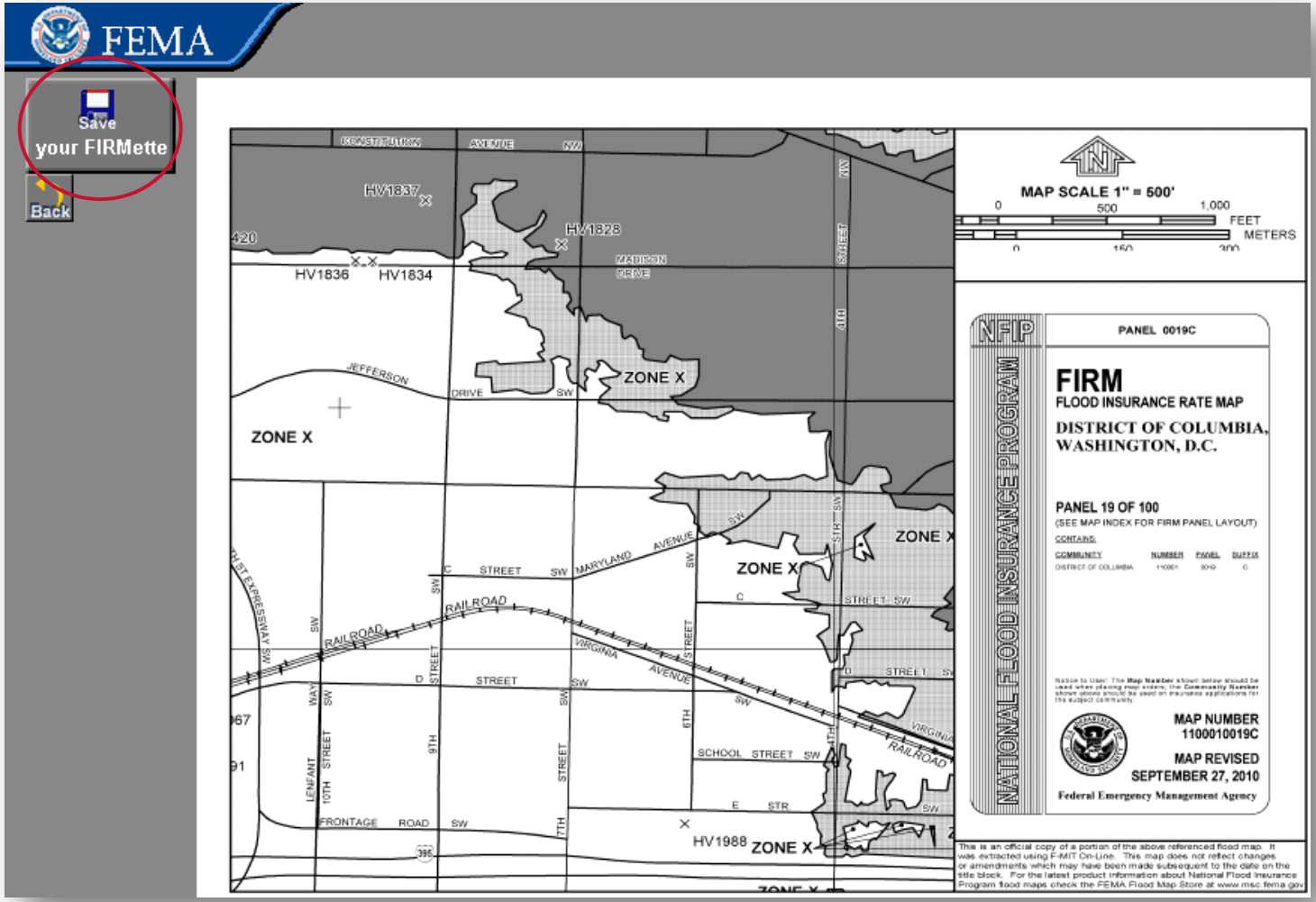
- Your FIRMette will appear and can be saved to your hard drive.

- You can also go back and make additional FIRMettes from the same panel.



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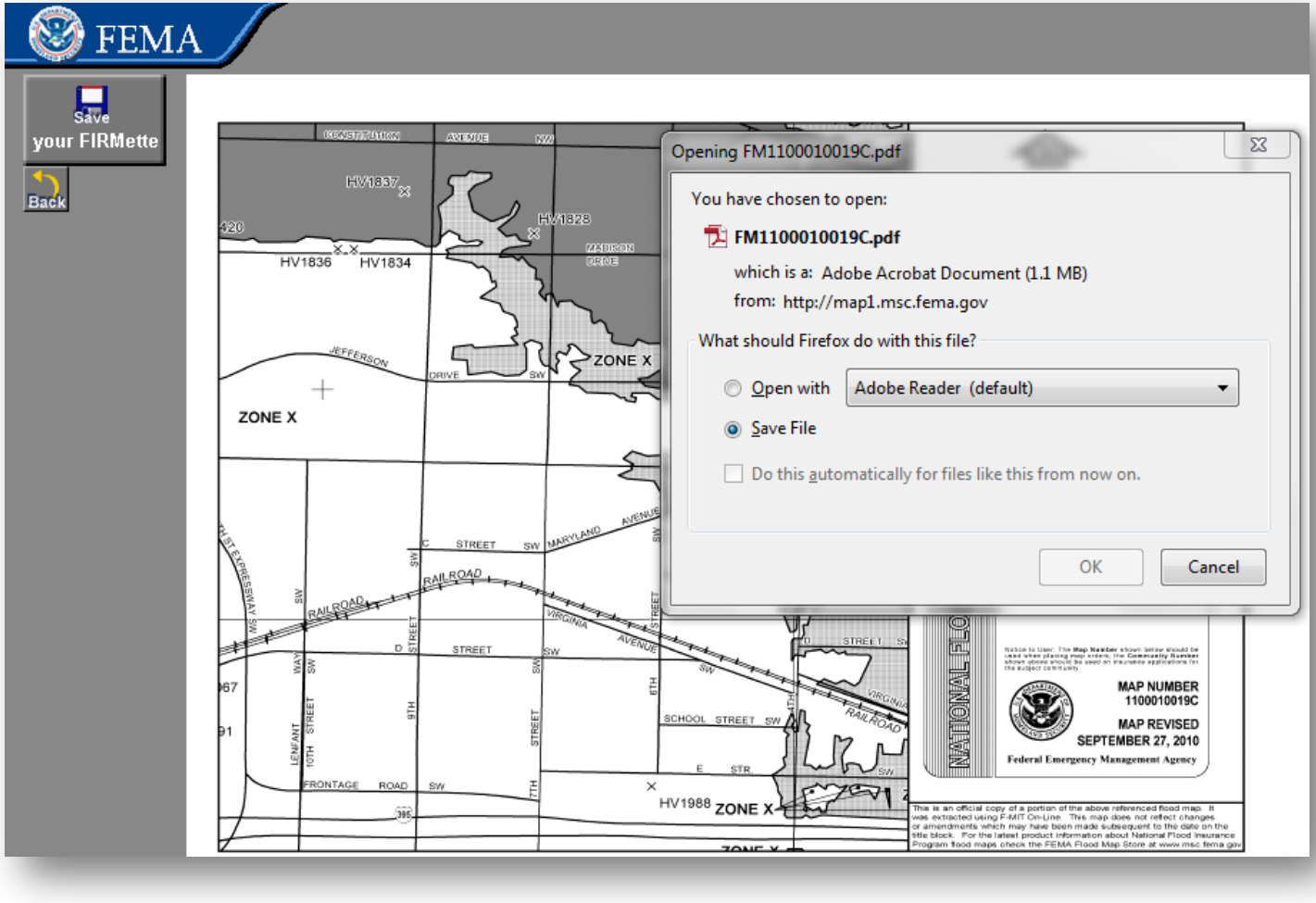
Once you have saved and/or opened your FIRMette in your local viewer, you can print it out the on the appropriate-sized paper corresponding to your earlier selection. To preserve the scale from the original FIRM map, save as PDF and change print settings to "actual size"



Troubleshooting

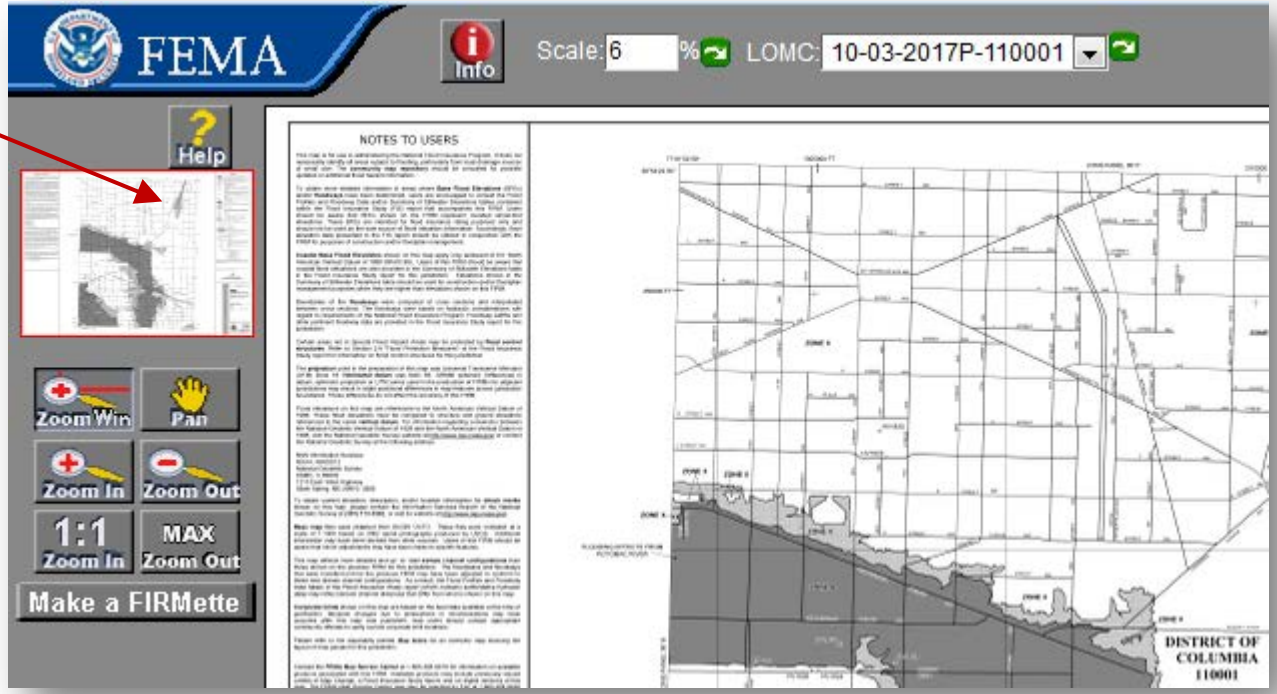
For technical assistance, please use the “Help” feature within the *FIRMette Web* tool or contact a FEMA Map Specialist by phone at:

1 (877) FEMA MAP

(1-877-336-2627)

or by email at:

FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com



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