

Community Disaster Resilience Zones (CDRZ) Act

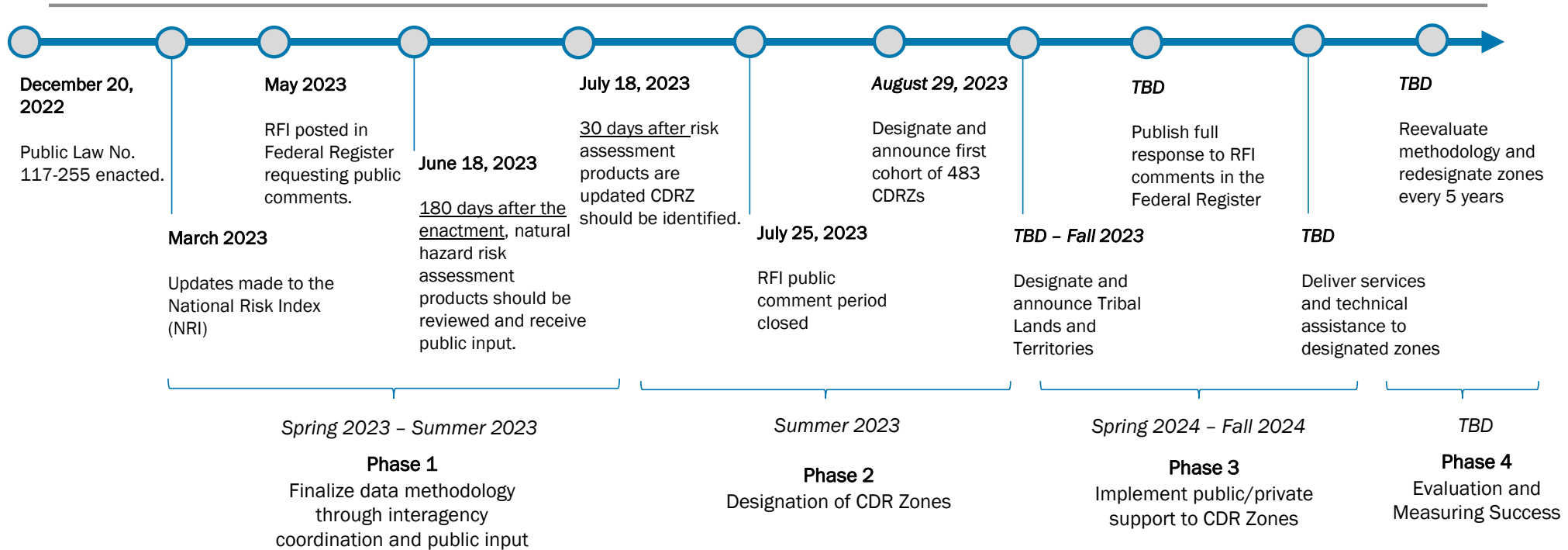
Initial Designation Update

September 2023



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CDRZ Timeline



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Completed Key Milestones

Project Milestones	Status	Due Date
Brief EOP on CDRZ Request for Information (RFI)	Complete	05/23
National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Roundtable	Complete	6/13/23
Spoke at US Conference of Mayors	Complete	6/19/23
National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) Call	Complete	6/27/23
Resilience Innovation Hub's Resilience Town Hall Presentation	Complete	6/29/23
NOAA "Climate Smart Communities Initiative" Call	Complete	7/7/23
Natural Hazards Center Listening Session	Complete	7/9/23
Treasury Summer Series Presentation	Complete	7/11/23
Resilience Innovation Hub's Resilience Town Hall Presentation – Part 2	Complete	7/14/23
Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) Call for Federal Agencies	Complete	7/17/23
Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) Call for supporters of CDRZ	Complete	7/17/23
Congressional Staff Briefing	Complete	7/17/23
(Three) Listening Sessions for General Public	Complete	7/18-20/23
DHS Climate Change Action Group Update	Complete	7/19/23
Science for Disaster Reduction (SDR) Meeting for Natural Hazards Mission	Complete	7/20/23
Building Resilience Conference	Complete	7/25/23
National Governors Association (NGA) Listening Session	Complete	7/25/23
RFI Public Comment Period Closes	Complete	7/25/23

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Building Resilience through Private Public Partnerships Conference, US Chamber of Commerce Foundation Listening Session	Complete	7/28/23
Tribal Consultation	Complete	8/2/23
Recovery Interagency Coordination Division	Complete	8/2/23
Conversation with EarthLab, UC Boulder	Complete	8/10/23
Conversation with Urban Institute	Complete	8/14/23
Brief OMB and CEQ on CDRZ Designations and BRIC NOFO	Complete	8/15/23
Brief National Governors Association (NGA) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	Week of 8/21/23
Conversation with After the Fire USA	Complete	8/21/23
Brief International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/21/23
SBP and US Chamber of Commerce Briefing Follow-Up	Complete	8/21/23
Brief National Association of Counties (NACo) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/21/23
CDRZs and Master Planning/NEPA	Complete	8/22/23
Grant Management Advisory Board Presentation	Complete	8/22/23
USACE National Silver Jackets Quarterly Meeting Presentation	Complete	8/22/23
Brief National Emergency Managers Association (NEMA) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/23/23
Interagency Recovery Coordination	Complete	8/23/23
Brief National League of Cities on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/24/23
Brief Big City Emergency Managers on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/24/23

Upcoming Key Milestones

Project Milestones	Status	Due Date
Congressional Briefing Follow-Up	Complete	8/28/23
FEMA Mitigation Planning Team meeting	Complete	8/30/23
Region 2 GIS Team Call	Complete	9/05/23
Announce First Set of Zone Designation	Complete	9/6/23
SCHAC Briefing	Complete	9/8/23
Treasury Summer Series: Follow-Up Presentation	In Progress	9/12/23
National Mitigation Planning Program Call	In Progress	9/12/23
CDRZs and Master Planning/NEPA	In Progress	9/13/23
FEMA National Advisory Committee (NAC) Subcommittee on Climate Action	Not Started	9/26-28/23
Brief National Conference of State Legislatures on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Brief International City/County Management Association on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Brief United States Conference of Mayors on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Brief Council of State Governments on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Conduct interagency briefings, including NOAA, EPA, and HUD	Not Started	TBD
Brief Congress on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD

Project Milestones	Status	Due Date
Present at IAEM Fall Conference	Not Started	11/3-9/23
Present at NEMA Fall Conference	Not Started	10/2-5/23
Participate in all Regional State Directors Calls	In Progress	Ongoing
Participate in RA Calls	In Progress	Ongoing
Participate in Mitigation Division Calls	In Progress	Ongoing
Brief EOP on CDRZ Designations and Announcement Plan	Complete	8/17/23

Key Metrics:

24 Total Public Engagements Pre-Designation
25+ Industries Reached
757 External Stakeholders in Registry



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Status Key			
 Complete	 In Progress	 Not Started	 Delayed

RFI Comments – Key Metrics



Comments

Total Comments Received: 624

Comments by Theme:

- Data/NRI Comments: 375
- Community Engagement: 158
- Equity: 155
- Post Designation Support: 105
- Designation Methodology: 81
- Uncategorized: 22
- Displacement: 14



Commentors & Stakeholder Groups

Total # of Unique Commentors: >134

Comments by Stakeholder Category:

- Associations, NGOs & Interest Groups: 310
- SLTT Organization: 101
- Civilian: 78
- Uncategorized: 69
- Private Sector: 54
- FEMA: 8



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NRI Designation Course of Action

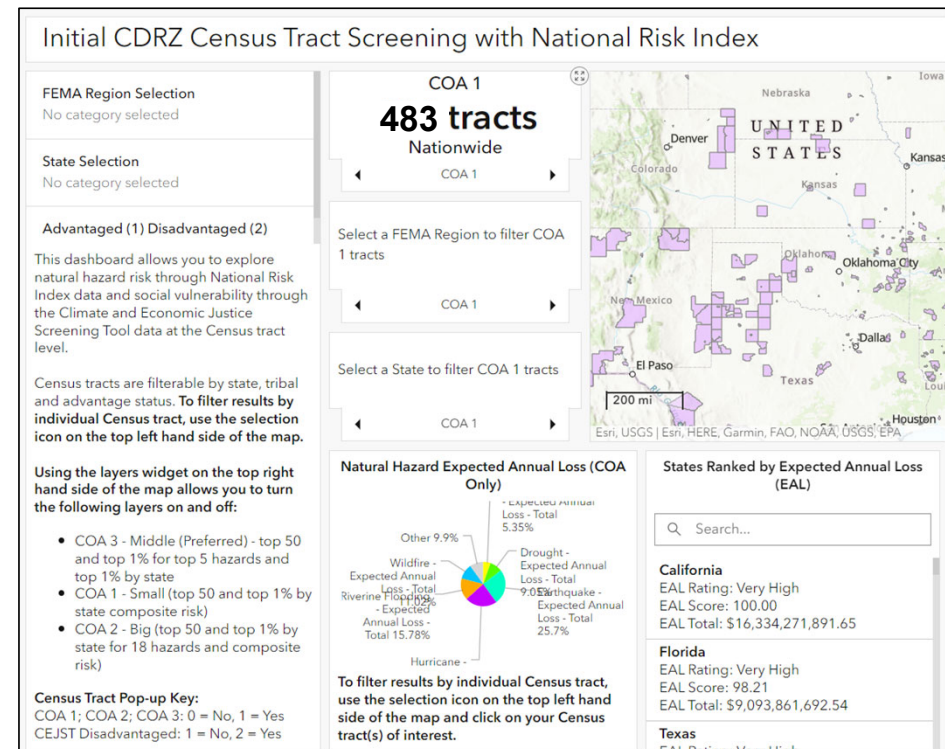
- Designate 483 census tracts this month
- Include National Top 50 Composite Risk Score
- Include Top 1% by State Composite Risk Score
- Include most at-risk census tracts as identified by CEJST
- Include at least 1 from each state

Tribes and Territories designations coming soon

Tribal Consultation conducted Aug. 2nd and the comment period is still open



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Census Tracts Identified as CDRZ



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CDRZ by Region

FEMA Region	CDRZs	Total Census Tracts	% of Total
1	10	3,681	0.27%
2	32	7,568	0.42%
3	49	8,105	0.60%
4	110	17,199	0.64%
5	68	14,117	0.48%
6	66	10,899	0.61%
7	25	3,932	0.64%
8	18	3,112	0.58%
9	78	12,081	0.65%
10	27	3,399	0.79%
Total	483	84,093	0.57%



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CDRZ by State

State	CDRZs	State	CDRZs	State	CDRZs
Alabama	6	Kentucky	11	North Dakota	1
Alaska	1	Louisiana	6	Ohio	21
Arizona	15	Maine	1	Oklahoma	11
Arkansas	8	Maryland	6	Oregon	6
California	51	Massachusetts	4	Pennsylvania	21
Colorado	9	Michigan	10	Rhode Island	1
Connecticut	1	Minnesota	6	South Carolina	10
Delaware	1	Mississippi	9	South Dakota	1
District of Columbia	2	Missouri	16	Tennessee	12
Florida	32	Montana	3	Texas	35
Georgia	15	Nebraska	2	Utah	3
Hawaii	5	Nevada	7	Vermont	1
Idaho	5	New Hampshire	2	Virginia	13
Illinois	20	New Jersey	8	Washington	15
Indiana	8	New Mexico	6	West Virginia	6
Iowa	3	New York	24	Wisconsin	3
Kansas	4	North Carolina	15	Wyoming	1



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CDRZ Designation Announcement Plan



Leverage FEMA Regions and association partners

- Engage with partners such as NEMA, NGA, and NACo to help announce and lend support to the designated zones.
- Provide partners with a Communications Toolkit with talking points, FAQs, and External Affairs Guidance



Conduct conversations with Federal Agencies, Foundations, Non-Profits

- Engage with these partners to help announce the CDRZ designations and build a foundation for collective investment in and support to the designated zones.
- Provide template letter of commitment from other Federal Agencies, foundations, non-profit organizations



Announce the designated CDRZs to the public on August 29th

- Post designation announcement to FEMA.gov
- Include initial RFI response, FAQs, CDRZ Fact Sheet, and Designation Methodology Explanation
- Authorizers have requested briefing on August 28th



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Communications Materials



Communications Toolkit

- ✓ List of CDRZs
- ✓ Talking Points
- ✓ FAQs
- ✓ Initial Response to RFI Comments
- ✓ Website
- ✓ Designation Methodology
- ✓ External Affairs Guidance (EAG)



External Pitch Packet

- ✓ List of CDRZs
- ✓ Consult Letter from Administrator Criswell
- ✓ Return on Investment (ROI) Flyer
- ✓ Template Letter of Commitment for other Federal Agencies
- ✓ Template Letter of Commitment for Non-Profit Organizations
- ✓ Template Letter of Commitment for Foundations



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Please direct all CDRZ and designation-related questions to: FEMA-CDRZ-RFI@fema.dhs.gov

Why Invest in Communities with Resilience Zones?

Resilient communities are better equipped to withstand and recover from natural disasters.

By adopting measures such as up-to-date building codes, retrofitting existing structures, and investing in infrastructure improvements, **the economic losses caused by natural hazards can be minimized.**

This will lead to less damage to property and businesses and resulting in lower repair and replacement costs.

Resilience & Mitigation Metrics



143M

Americans are susceptible to earthquakes in the continental US

\$3

Saved in future losses for every \$1 invested in earthquake mitigation



71M

Americans live in a flood zone

\$7

Saved in future losses for every \$1 invested in riverine flood mitigation



94M

Americans live in a hurricane zone

\$5

Saved in future losses for every \$1 invested in wind mitigation



46M

Americans live in an at-risk wildfire zone

\$3

Saved in future losses for every \$1 invested in wildland-urban interface fire mitigation



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Questions?

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