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Portland District

1964 Flood Commemoration: We need your help!

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The Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in collaboration with federal, state and other participating agencies, is developing an outreach campaign to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Oregon's devastating "Christmas flood" (Dec. 18, 1964 to Jan. 7, 1965). We need your help to promote community and individual preparedness and flood risk reduction actions. This flood was a statewide event, even bigger than the 1996 flood for many communities in Oregon. Population growth since 1964 leaves many residents unaware of our history. It's been said that those who don't know history are destined to repeat it.



HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Contribute to a community profile

Submit information for an online community profile that will feature details about the 1964 flood and how your community got through it. Find an example of a community profile at <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/1913Flood/communities/index.shtml>.

We will use your narrative and photos in an interactive map that includes U.S. Geological Survey flood gage and other technical data. Visitors can click on the map and learn more about the flood in their areas. We plan to host up to five profiles per county and will consider more for areas hit hardest in 1964-1965. Please email no more than three narrative paragraphs and a Web-quality photograph for each location in the profile. Email the narratives and photos to CENWP-PA@usace.army.mil by Nov. 3, 2014. Please include a point of contact so we can reach you if we have questions. Feel free to include links to your websites for visitors to learn more.

Localize the message

Talk with the cities within your county and neighboring counties that experienced this flood, as well as local organizations and targeted news media, to develop local stories and educational opportunities. Historical societies, museums or libraries may be able to host a display with local photos and maps, or let you tap their outreach talent. ***Remember, a flood knows no jurisdictional boundaries and all disasters are local!***

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Let us know

Spread the word about your plans to commemorate the flood and promote flood risk reduction education during this anniversary season.

Call 503-808-4510 to discuss how we can share outreach resources. Together we can reach many Oregon residents during the campaign.

Campaign Participants

- Oregon Dept. of Emergency Management
- Oregon Dept. of Land, Conservation and Development
- Oregon Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries
- Oregon Water Resources Department
- NOAA National Weather Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Clackamas County

