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How to Find Your FIRM and Make a FIRMMette

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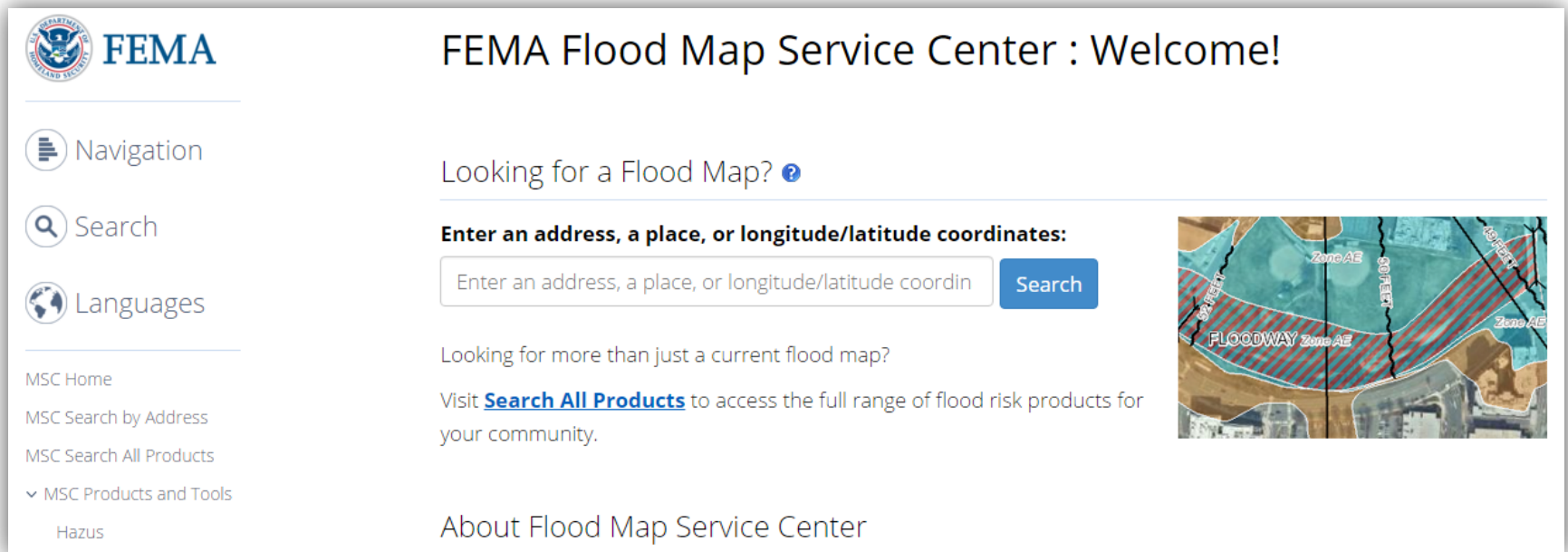
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Getting Started

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



The screenshot shows the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) homepage. On the left is a navigation menu with the FEMA logo, links for Navigation, Search, and Languages, and a list of links including MSC Home, MSC Search by Address, MSC Search All Products, MSC Products and Tools, and Hazus. The main content area has a heading "FEMA Flood Map Service Center : Welcome!". Below this is a link "Looking for a Flood Map? ?". A search section prompts the user to "Enter an address, a place, or longitude/latitude coordinates:" with a text input field and a "Search" button. Below the search section, it says "Looking for more than just a current flood map?" and "Visit [Search All Products](#) to access the full range of flood risk products for your community." At the bottom of the main content area is a link "About Flood Map Service Center". On the right side of the page is a thumbnail image of a flood map showing various zones like "Zone AE", "FLOODWAY Zone AE", and "100-YEAR".

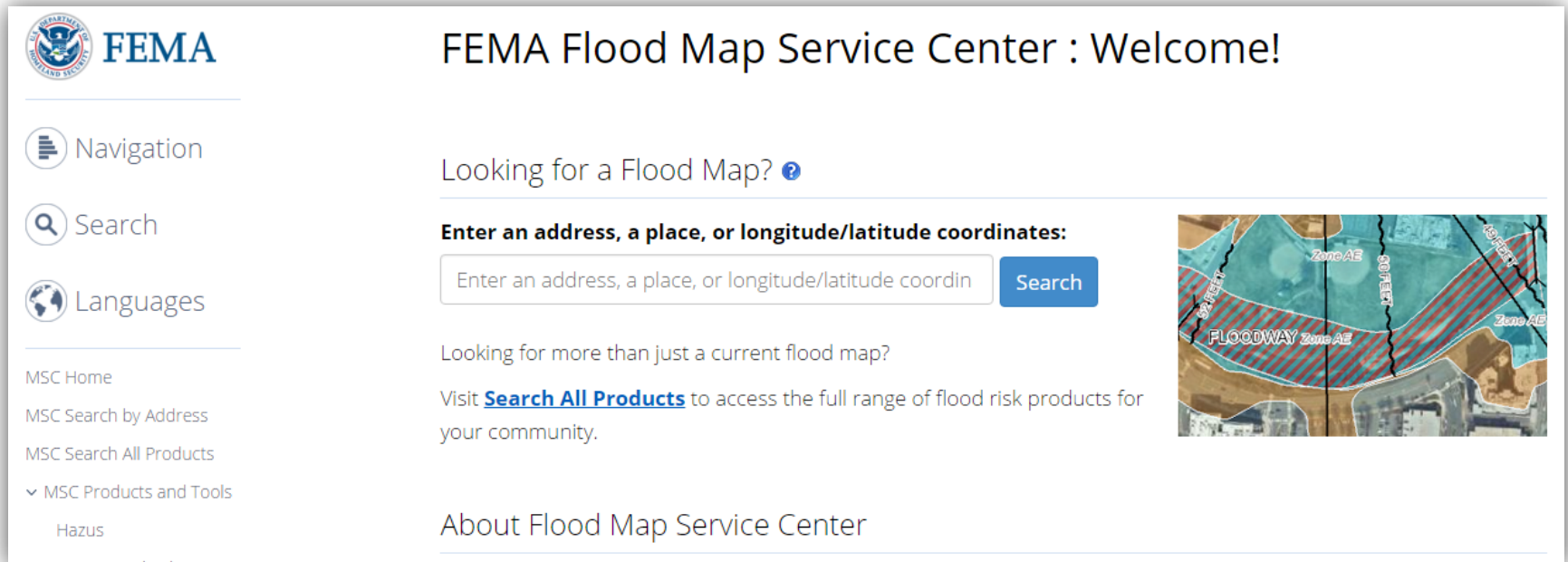
- A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is an official flood map used in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- A FIRMette is a full-scale section of a FIRM that you create yourself.

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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About Flood Map Service Center



Step One

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 displays the FIRMette web tool interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "20001" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, a lightbulb icon is followed by a paragraph of text explaining the tool's functionality. The main section is titled "Search Results—Products for DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA". It features a text block stating "The flood map for the selected area is number 1100010018C, effective on 09/27/2010" with a question mark icon. 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 "Locator Map" section below. The "Locator Map" section includes a "Letters of Map Change" section with a question mark icon, listing "Revisions (1)", "Amendments (1)", and "Revalidations (0)". Below this is a map of Washington, D.C., showing the Potomac River, Rock Creek, and various streets. A red arrow points to a specific area on the map, which is outlined in light blue. The map includes a "Hybrid" view selector in the bottom right corner.

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

Step One

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



Step One

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) [DL ALL](#)

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

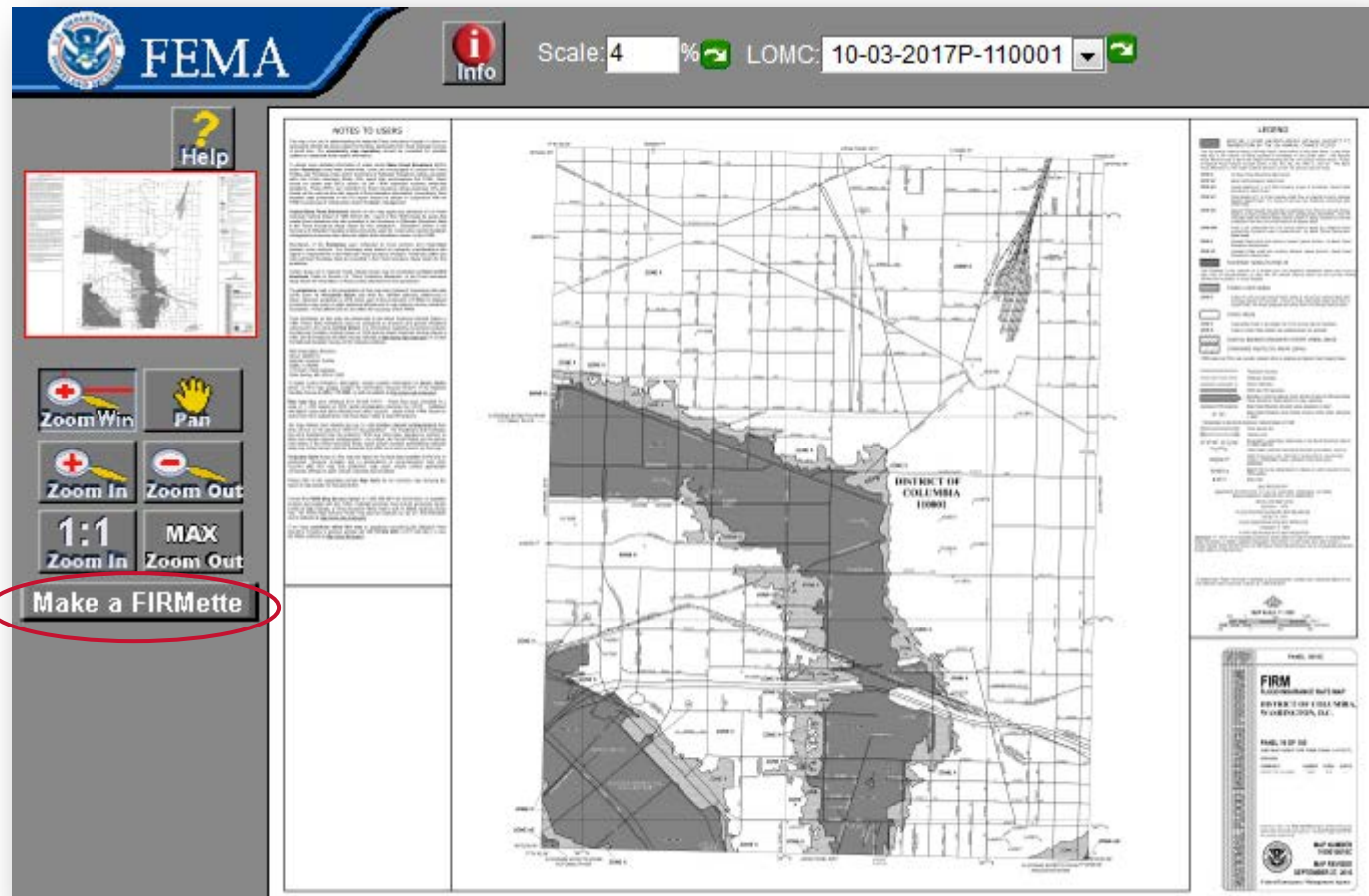
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Product ID	Effective Date	LOMC	Size	Download	View
110001IND0	11/15/1985		1MB	DL	VIEW
110001	11/01/1974		2MB	DL	VIEW
110001A	10/10/1975		5MB	DL	VIEW
1100010005B	11/15/1985		1MB	DL	VIEW
1100010010B	11/15/1985	LOMC	1MB	DL	VIEW
1100010015B	11/15/1985	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

Step Two

Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

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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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 application interface. At the top, the FEMA logo is visible alongside a scale bar (Scale: 6%) and a LOMC (10-03-2017P-110001). The main map area shows a grid overlay on a map of the District of Columbia, with various zones labeled (e.g., ZONE A, ZONE B, ZONE C, ZONE D, ZONE E, ZONE F, ZONE G, ZONE H, ZONE I, ZONE J, ZONE K, ZONE L, ZONE M, ZONE N, ZONE O, ZONE P, ZONE Q, ZONE R, ZONE S, ZONE T, ZONE U, ZONE V, ZONE W, ZONE X, ZONE Y, ZONE Z). A legend on the right side provides details for each zone. A sidebar on the left contains a toolbar with buttons for Zoom, Pan, and Print, and a sidebar with instructions for creating FIRMettes. The instructions are as follows:

- 1. Select page size
 - Letter 8.5x11
 - Legal 8.5x14
 - Tabloid 11x17
- 2. Select & Move Areas
 - Print Area
 - Scale and North Arrow
 - Title Block
- 3. Create FIRMette
 - Adobe PDF
 - Image File

Step Two

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"

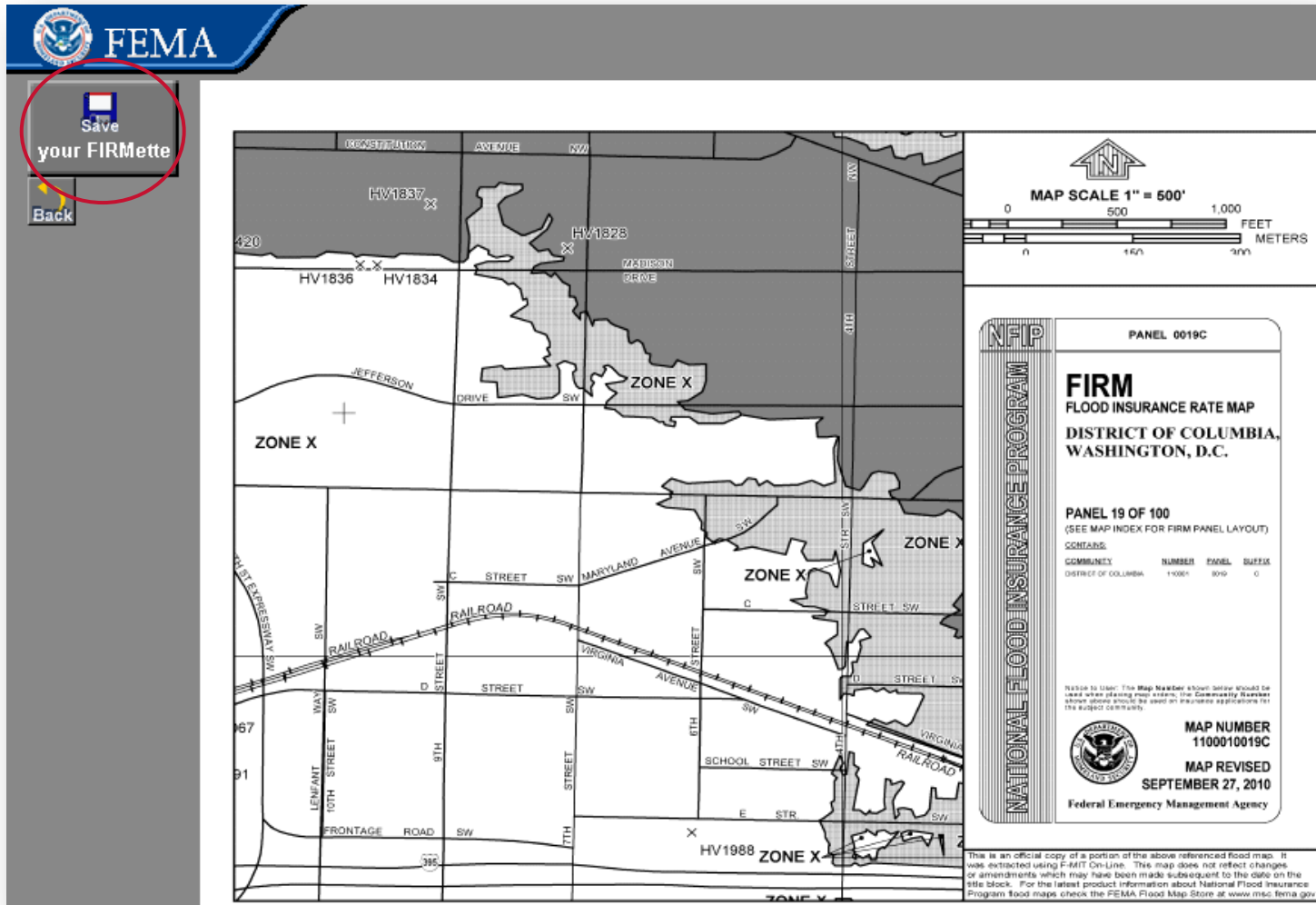
The screenshot shows the FEMA FIRMette Web application interface. At the top, there is a FEMA logo, a scale bar (Scale: 6%), and a LOMC dropdown (LOMC: 10-03-2017P-110001). The main area displays a map of the District of Columbia with a green rectangular selection box. On the left, there are navigation controls (Zoom Win, Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out, 1:1, MAX, Zoom In, Zoom Out) and a 'Follow Instructions...' section with steps: 1. Select page size (Letter 8.5x11, Legal 8.5x14, Tabloid 11x17), 2. Select & Move Areas (Print Area, Scale and North Arrow, Title Block), 3. Create FIRMette (Adobe PDF, Image File). A red arrow points to the 'Adobe PDF' button. On the right, there is a legend and a thumbnail of the resulting FIRMette output.

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

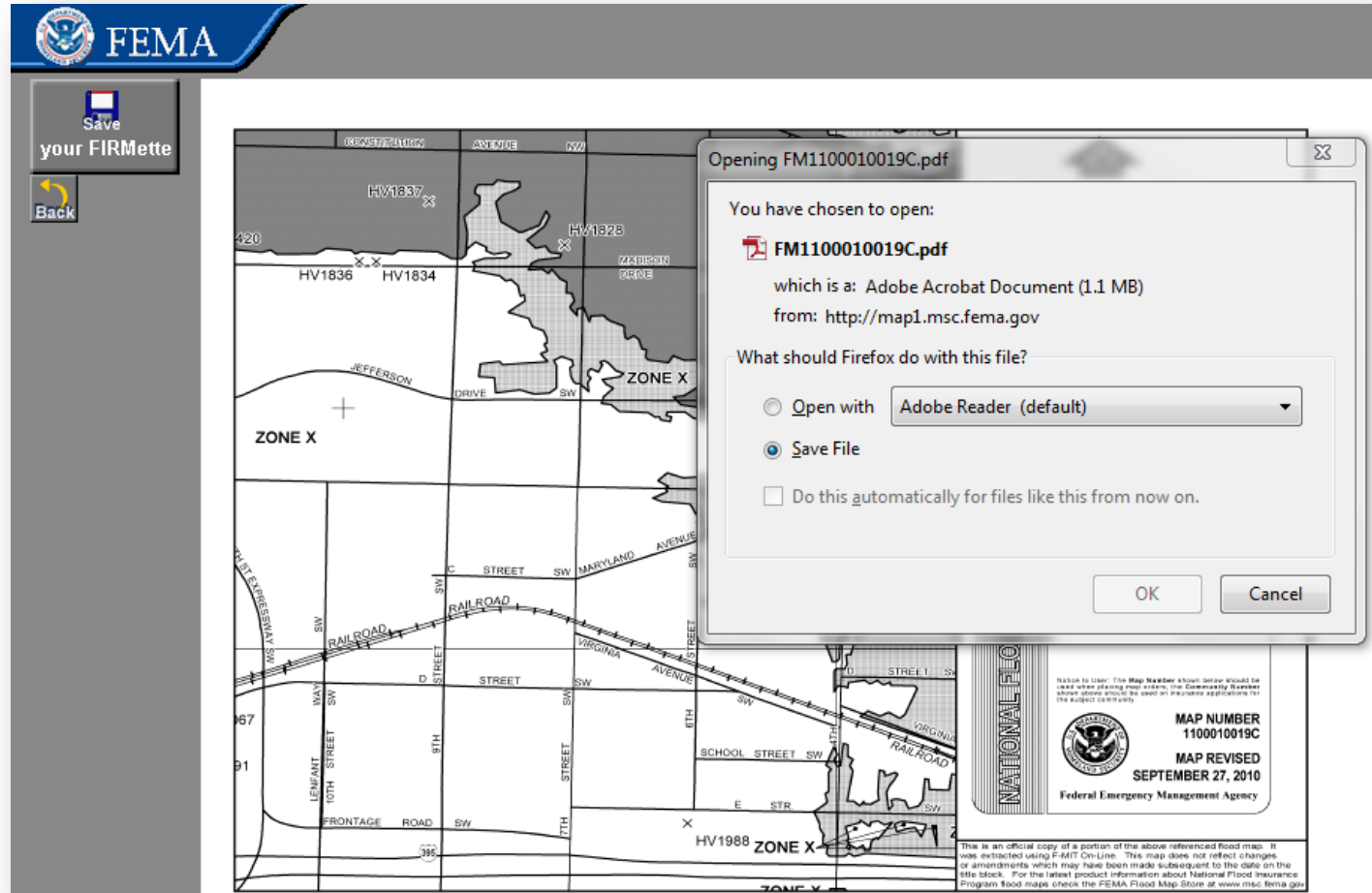
- You can also go back and make additional FIRMettes from the same panel.



Step Two

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"



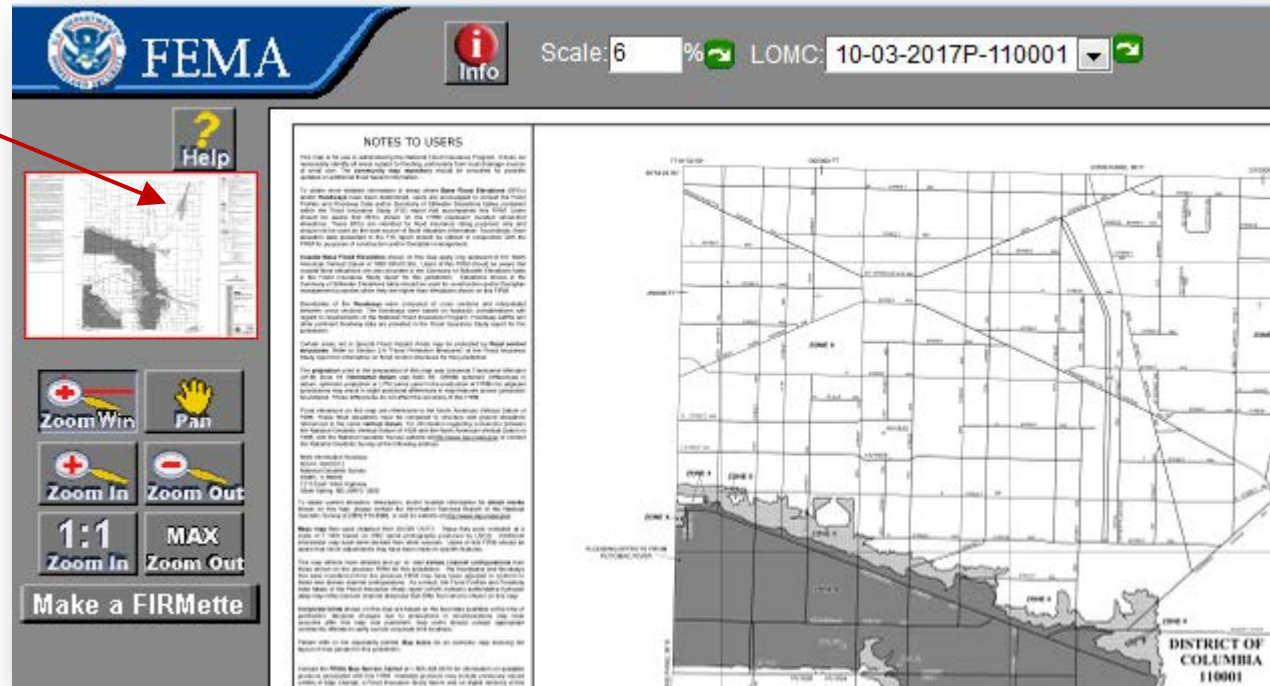
Troubleshooting

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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