

# FLUVIAL HAZARD ZONE Delineation Protocol August 2020 Update



Thank you to all who took the time to comment on the January 2020 Draft FHZ Delineation Protocol. Response to public comments, along with additional research, has yielded a better, more robust document. Notable changes to the Protocol include:

- Refinement of the foundational concepts of FHZ mapping (Section 2).
- A new framework for assessing geomorphic responses in stream systems (Section 3) and how this is the basis for FHZ mapping.
- An enhanced Headwater Active Stream Corridor Protocol (Section 4).
- Clarifications to Fluvial Hazard Buffer Guidance (Section 5).
- Additional guidance for identifying avulsion pathways and delineating Avulsion Hazard Zones (Section 6).
- Further recommendations for setting objectives for FHZ mapping and uses as well as communication strategies.

The Protocol along with additional resources developed to support the production and use of Fluvial Hazard Zone maps including: the FHZ Fact Sheet; a Guide to Using FHZ Maps for Planning; a Model Zoning Ordinance; an Introduction to Stream Corridor Easements; and the Relative Elevation Model plugin are available at:

[www.ColoradoFHZ.com](http://www.ColoradoFHZ.com)



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