Flood-related disasters are the costliest and most frequent type of disaster facing the United States. From 2000 to 2018, flood-related events cost more than $830 billion in economic losses,\textsuperscript{1} accounted for 73\% of presidential disaster declarations,\textsuperscript{2} and caused more than 6,200 deaths.\textsuperscript{3} Floods are an immediate threat to 53 military installations across the nation.\textsuperscript{3}

These numbers reflect what Americans and people across the globe already know: floods are affecting our way of life. Addressing the challenges posed by flooding and other extreme weather impacts will require individuals, communities, and state and federal governments to work collaboratively to build a more sustainable future for us all.

**TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES TO UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THEIR FLOOD RISK, POLICY MAKERS CAN:**

1. **Support robust and steadily increasing funding** to science-based federal agencies.
2. **Support science centers and programs** that research region-specific flooding concerns and incentivize scientists working within their communities.
3. **Support legislation** that ensures science can be conducted and inform policy freely and openly.
4. **Support policies** to manage flooding and its impacts that account for a changing world.

Between 2000 and 2018, floods caused $500 million in property damages.\textsuperscript{4}

Between 2000 and 2018, floods accounted for 7 out of 10 presidential disaster declarations in Washington State.\textsuperscript{2}

Floods are an immediate threat to the US Navy’s Naval Magazine Indian Island in Port Hadlock, WA.\textsuperscript{3}

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**NEED HELP NOW?** Contact Washington Emergency Management Division: **253-512-7000**

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\textsuperscript{5} Barton, C; Washington Water Science Center. Personal communication. (2019).

\textsuperscript{6} Callender, R; Washington Sea Grant. Personal communication. (2019).