

# CRS USERS GROUP IN THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE & SOUTH ALABAMA: AN EXPERIMENT

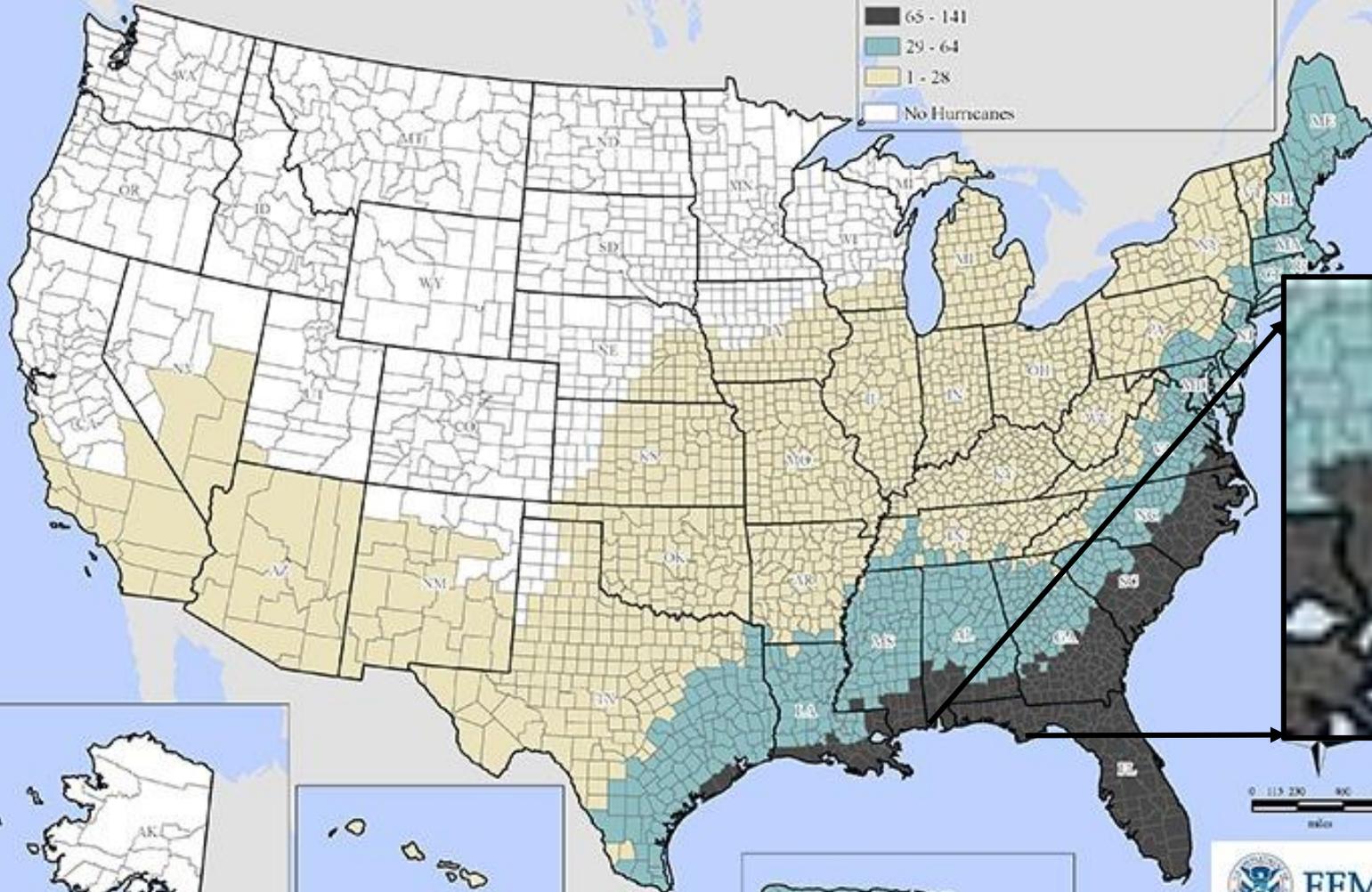
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# Frequency of Hurricane and Tropical Storm Activity by County: 1851-2012\*

NOAA/NHC HURDAT2 database: all classified hurricanes and tropical storms which made landfall within the 50 states; paths by county within a 125 mile band of the center point based on latitude.  
Atlantic data from 1851-2012; Pacific data from 1949-2012

## Hurricane and Tropical Storm Frequency Per County From 1851-2012\*

- 65 - 141
- 29 - 64
- 1 - 28
- No Hurricanes



 **FEMA**  
ORR Mapping & Analysis Center  
Washington, DC  
08/13/14  
Sources: ESRI, NOAA, NHC

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA BY THE NUMBERS



- SEVENTY-SEVEN (77) MUNICIPALITIES IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA
- ONLY 29 PARTICIPATE IN CRS (38%)
  - THOSE COUNTIES ARE SAVING \$8.4 MILLION IN FLOOD INSURANCE
- 48 DO NOT PARTICIPATE (62%)
  - MANY DO NOT HAVE FULL TIME FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS
- CRS RATINGS IN THE PANHANDLE RANGE FROM 5 TO 8

# THE GOAL

- TO HAVE A MAJORITY OF NW FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CRS PROGRAM
- TO EDUCATE THOSE COMMUNITIES UNFAMILIAR WITH CRS
- TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CRS COMMUNITIES
- TO HAVE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN RATINGS, DISTRICT-WIDE
- BETTER PREPARE COMMUNITIES FOR EXTREME WEATHER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- IN THE PANHANDLE, MOST PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

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- BUT THE DAY AFTER OUR FIRST CRS WORKSHOP, THEY COULDN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT **FLOODING**





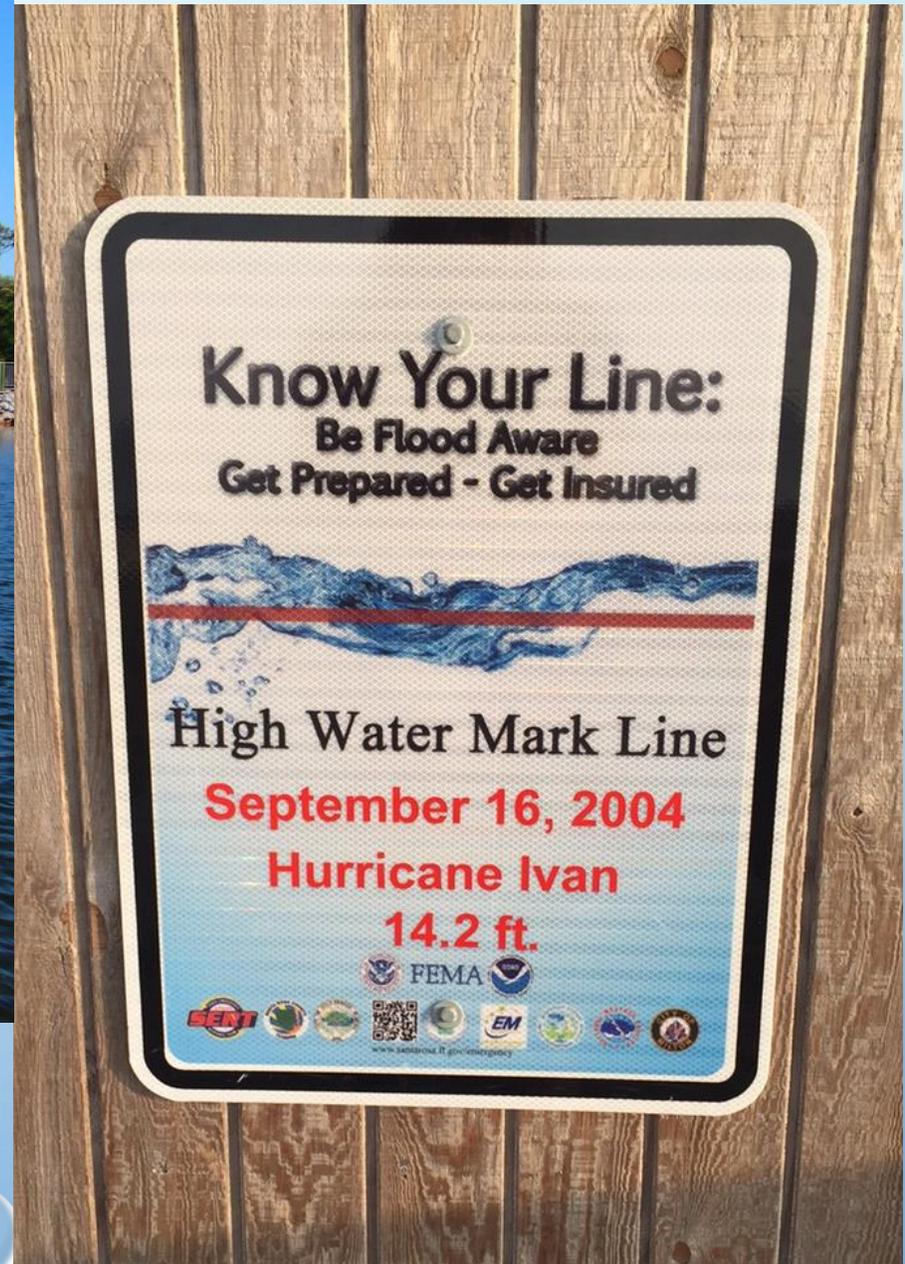


## EFFORTS SO FAR

- HOMEOWNER AND REALTOR FLOOD INSURANCE WORKSHOPS
- CEU COURSES FOR FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS (FACE TO FACE)
  - INTRODUCTION TO CRS AND NFIP (APRIL 2014)
  - CASE STUDIES, ONLINE TOOLS AND CRS USERS GROUP (AUGUST 2015)
- CRS USER GROUP MEETING, VIA ADOBE CONNECT (VIRTUAL)
- EMAIL REMINDERS, COMMUNICATION, AND UPDATES ON RELEVANT TOPICS (STAYING CONNECTED)
  - AT LEAST TWO FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS ATTENDED A CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP IN ALABAMA



SANTA ROSA COUNTY  
CRS RATING 5



## HOW DO THEY DO IT?

- DYNAMIC & MOTIVATED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER (WILL BE SPEAKING AT GULF CLIMATE COP MEETING NEXT WEEK)
- ORGANIZATION AND COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION
- BUY-IN FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- SAVING OVER \$1.1 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR A POPULATION OF \$167,040

## NEXT STEPS

- PRE-HURRICANE SEASON CRS USER GROUP MEETING
- TALK WITH WEEKS BAY NERR ABOUT EFFORTS
- REACH OUT TO SMALLER COMMUNITIES AND DETERMINE ROADBLOCKS TO CRS
- SCHEDULE WORKSHOP IN EASTERN PANHANDLE COUNTY