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Dear Mr. Lavine:

Congratulations! This letter is to inform you that the National Weather Service (NWS) has recognized Cochise County as a *StormReady* community. Cochise County administration, Emergency Services, SEACOM, and everyone else involved in the compliance process have every reason to be proud of this accomplishment. Earning your *StormReady* recognition indicates that Cochise County has done everything possible to improve emergency first responder and citizen preparedness in the event of a natural disaster. The county's improved communications infrastructure and increased level of severe weather awareness will no doubt minimize the loss of life and/or property in the future.

Thank you for helping us to complete the *StormReady* checklist and for reviewing Cochise County's application. I have notified the Arizona State Emergency Management, NWS Headquarters in Washington D.C., and the NWS Regional Office in Salt Lake City, Utah of your accomplishments. I have one (1) *StormReady* sign for your use. Attached are instructions on how to obtain additional signs at your expense. You may now wish to notify the National Flood Insurance Program representative from FEMA Region IX for consideration to obtain 25 Community Rating System (CRS) points, which may lower your NFIP flood insurance premiums. For FEMA representative contact information see: fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-bureau-statistical-agent-regional-support-offices

The *StormReady* designation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. After this time, you must renew through your local NWS office's Warning Coordination Meteorologist. Please visit our national *StormReady* Web site at weather.gov/stormready to see Cochise County on our national map of recognized communities. If there are any questions, please feel free to call me at 670-5156. Once again, congratulations on your accomplishment!

Sincerely,

Marc J. Singer
NWS Tucson, Arizona
Meteorologist in Charge

Attachment

cc: Ken Drozd- NWS Tucson Warning Coordination Meteorologist

