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RE: Garfield County, Colorado Hazard Mitigation
Plan Update Announcement



Dear Stakeholder,

Garfield County is in the process of updating its 2017 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Proactive hazard mitigation planning allows a community to take actions to reduce or eliminate threats from natural and man-made disasters. You are receiving this letter and are encouraged to participate in this planning effort to provide local input or information regarding hazards in your community or jurisdiction.

HMPs are community-guided documents that identify both vulnerability to natural and human-caused hazards such as wildfire, landslides, flooding, severe winds, and hazardous material spills. Eligible participants include any taxing authority, such as communities, counties, or other special districts. Once these jurisdictions are part of an approved plan, they become eligible for grant funding for a wide variety of projects listed in the plan. HMPs are required to be updated and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) every five years. The plan sets goals, establishes mitigation alternatives, and prioritizes projects which may reduce damages when future disasters occur.

Your jurisdiction or agency is encouraged to provide input to the planning process or attend meetings to ensure identified mitigation efforts are regionally appropriate and consistent with those identified within other communities in the region. Additionally, throughout this planning process your agency may be asked to provide information or data relevant to the HMP.

For information on this planning effort, dates of upcoming meetings, or contact information, please visit the project website: <https://www.garfield-county.com/emergency-management/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan/> or send any questions via [garfield-county.com/emergency-management/email-hmp/](https://www.garfield-county.com/emergency-management/email-hmp/).

Sincerely,

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