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Adoption Resolution Template

Town of Parachute

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Garfield County, Colorado, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Wahoo, NE. and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the county and participating jurisdictions located therein by identifying the hazards that affect the Town of Parachute and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency reviewed and approved the Garfield County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as of April 2022, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the Town of Parachute in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of the Town of Parachute does herewith adopt the FEMA approved Garfield County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Council Chairperson

ATTEST:

Agency Stakeholder Plan Update Announcement

August 17, 2021

RE: Garfield County, Colorado Hazard Mitigation
Plan Update Announcement



Dear Stakeholder,

Garfield County is in the process of updating its 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Your jurisdiction or agency is encouraged to provide input to the planning process 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.

HMPs are community-guided documents that identify 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.

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 to the planning team via garfield-county.com/emergency-management/email-hmp/.

Sincerely,

Brooke Seachord, CFM
Project Coordinator
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Neighboring Jurisdictions Plan Update Announcement

August 13, 2021

RE: Garfield County Colorado Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Announcement



Dear Stakeholder,

Garfield County, Colorado is in the process of updating its 2017 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This letter is being sent to inform you of this planning effort underway by the County with assistance from JEO Consulting Group. Proactive hazard mitigation planning allows a community to take actions to reduce or eliminate threats from natural and man-made disasters.

HMPs are community-guided documents that identifies both vulnerability to natural and human-caused hazards including wildfire, landslides, flooding, severe winds, and hazardous material spills. Once a community, county, or special district is 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 FEMA every five years. The plan sets goals, establishes mitigation alternatives, and prioritizes projects which may reduce damages when future disasters occur.

Your jurisdiction neighbors the Garfield County planning area. Neighboring Jurisdictions are 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. Public and stakeholder input will be gathered throughout the duration of the planning process through online tools and public meetings.

For information on this planning effort, please visit the project website: <https://www.garfield-county.com/emergency-management/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan/> or send any questions to hmp@garcosheriff.com.

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One-on-One Meeting Invitation Email

Good afternoon,

Garfield County has secured grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update their regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) with the assistance of JEO Consulting Group. HMPs identify vulnerabilities and possible impacts and losses within participating jurisdictions to various natural and man-made hazards (e.g., flood, wildfire, winter storm, landslides, etc.). The HMP also identifies projects and strategies aimed at enhancing community resilience and preparedness for specific hazards. You are receiving this letter because your community participated in the 2017 HMP.

To assist in the update of the HMP for your specific community, we would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting between community leaders, Garfield County, and JEO staff. This meeting will be held virtually and should last approximately an hour and a half. Available dates for this meeting are listed below. Please let me know as soon as possible which date your community is available and if there are any specific time preferences.

Meeting Options:

- Monday, September 27th through Thursday, September 30th
- Monday, October 4th through Thursday, October 7th

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss updates to local community demographics or developments over the past five years and evaluate hazard types of concern and their impacts to your community. To schedule a meeting, please reach out to me via email at bseachord@jeo.com or phone at 402-474-8741. For more information about this plan update please see the project website at: <https://www.garfield-county.com/emergency-management/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan/>. We look forward to speaking with you!

Sincerely,

Brooke Seachord, CFM
Project Coordinator – JEO Consulting Group

Public Review Notification Email

Good afternoon,

The Garfield County Hazard Mitigation Plan will be available to all participating jurisdictions and the public for review and comment beginning March 28th, 2022 through April 25th, 2022. This includes all community profiles, fire district profiles, Garfield County profile, and the overall hazard risk analysis. These drafts include the latest revisions that were discussed at each round of meetings and additional supplemental materials.

The Garfield County HMP Upfront and your specific profile are attached to this email. We have provided each prior to the official beginning date of public review to allow your jurisdiction to provide any additional information or revisions before the plan is open to the public. Please review the attached documents and provide any comments to Brooke Seachord (bseachord@jeo.com).

At the end of the Public Review Period, the complete Hazard Mitigation Plan will be submitted to the Colorado Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (CODHSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for final approval.

This is your last opportunity to review the plan and submit to JEO any requested changes or corrections, prior to its submission to CODHSEM and FEMA.

Please carefully review this draft with your local planning team and verify that the information therein is accurate to the best of your knowledge. Please inform JEO as soon as possible should you desire any changes.

If we do not receive changes from you by Monday, April 25th 2022, we will assume that your jurisdiction has reviewed this section and approves of it as written.

Thank you for helping us provide your community with an accurate and comprehensive hazard mitigation plan. If you would like more information about this planning effort, please contact either myself at 402-474-8741 or email at bseachord@jeo.com or Chad Whiting at 970-945-1377x1050 or cwhiting@garcosheriff.com.

Sincerely,

Brooke Seachord, CFM
Project Coordinator – JEO Consulting Group

County Meeting #2 Agenda



Garfield County Colorado Hazard Mitigation Plan

County Meeting #2 Agenda
August 23, 2021; 10:30am
Rifle, Colorado

1. Introductions

2. Garfield County Overview

- Demographics and background information
- Community Lifelines
- Capabilities

3. Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Tier I Hazards:
 - Wildfire, Flooding, Hazardous Materials, Landslide/Debris Flow/Rockfall, Severe Winter Weather, Drought, Public Health Emergency
- Tier II Hazards:
 - Avalanche, Earthquakes, Erosion and Deposition, Lightning, Pest Infestation, Severe Wind, Terrorism

4. Planning Process

- Information on the County Website: <https://www.garfield-county.com/emergency-management/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan/>
- In-kind tracking
 - Share travel and working time spend on HMP activities with Chad for in-kind tracking purposes.

5. Contact Information

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- Phil Luebbert, pluebbert@jeo.com, 402.474.8768
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County Meeting #3 Agenda



Garfield County Colorado Hazard Mitigation Plan

County Meeting #3 Agenda
October 18, 2021; 1:00pm
Rifle, Colorado

1. **Introductions**
2. **Garfield County Overview**
 - Local Capabilities Discussion
 - Summary of plans and resources
3. **Mitigation Strategies**
 - Review and Update of Past Actions
 - Identification of New Actions
4. **Planning Process**
 - Survey available through Survey Monkey:
 - Social media resources – please share!
 - Information on the County Website: <https://www.garfield-county.com/emergency-management/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan/>
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Project Flyer

Photo by Colorado Department of Transportation
<https://youtu.be/MI16DMgxyUU>



Garfield County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan



Hazards

Hazards pose risk to people, property, the environment, and the economy. These include but are not limited to: wildfire, winter storms, drought, avalanche, landslides, and flooding.



Mitigation

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Hazard Mitigation Plan

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a community-driven, living document that assesses vulnerability to natural and human-caused hazards and identifies mitigation strategies to reduce vulnerability.

Garfield County Emergency Management is leading the planning effort to update its 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan, or HMP. Residents and entities across the county are encouraged to participate.

Why Your Community Should Participate in the Plan:

- To gain eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant programs
- To identify strategies to reduce your community's risk to hazards and disasters
- To build relationships within your community and region that foster resilience across a larger geographic area

Find out how YOU can be involved by checking the county website!

www.garfield-county.com/emergency-management/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan

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Garfield County Emergency Management

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Project Website

The project website can be accessed through this link: <https://jeo.com/blues-hmp>



HOME / NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

PAGES

- GARFIELD COUNTY
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
- EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
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- BURN PERMITS
- FIRE RESTRICTIONS
- FIREWORKS
- FLASH FLOODS
- MENTAL HEALTH
- NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
- NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
- WILDFIRE
- COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN
- WINTER WEATHER

GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Garfield County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Natural hazard mitigation plan draft

The Garfield County draft 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for viewing. Public comments or revisions can be made until April 25, 2022.

[Draft hazard mitigation plan](#)

[Project announcement letter](#)

[10/6/21 Press Release](#)

Press

Release



PRESS RELEASE

10.6.21

Garfield County hazard mitigation plan underway

Community surveys on natural hazards risk mitigation are open for input

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO – Garfield County is currently updating its regional multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for 2022. HMPs are a requirement of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Once a community, county, or district is part of an approved plan, it becomes eligible for up to a 75 percent cost share for a wide variety of projects listed in the plan.

Public input is gathered throughout the duration of plan development through surveys, online tools, and public meetings. New surveys in English and Spanish are available for public engagement at garfield-county.com/emergency-management/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan/. Everyone is invited to join in providing their input to the survey questions!

All community officials, local fire districts, county stakeholders, and the public are encouraged to participate in this plan update process and provide local input on local hazards.

According to FEMA and the Institute of National Building Scientists, for every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation, a jurisdiction saves \$6 on average in post-storm cleanup and rebuilding. HMPs are required to be updated on a five-year cycle by FEMA. Garfield County's HMP was last updated in 2017.

A hazard mitigation plan is a publicly guided document that identifies vulnerability to a range of hazard types, such as flood, drought, landslide/rockfalls, wildfire, winter storms, hazardous materials, etc. The plan sets goals, establishes mitigation alternatives, and prioritizes projects, which may alleviate potential damages to property and provide protection when future disasters occur. Garfield County, municipalities, fire districts, and other special jurisdictions are eligible to participate in the HMP.

Garfield County has hired JEO Consulting Group, Inc. (JEO) to assist with the plan development over the next year. This hazard mitigation plan update is funded by a FEMA planning grant. The cost is shared 75 percent through federal funding and 25 percent through a local match. For this plan update, the county is providing the 25 percent local match by tracking in-kind labor.

For more information on this planning effort, contact the JEO project coordinator, Brooke Seachord, at 402-474-8741, or by email at bseachord@jeo.com.

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