

City of Rifle Community Profile

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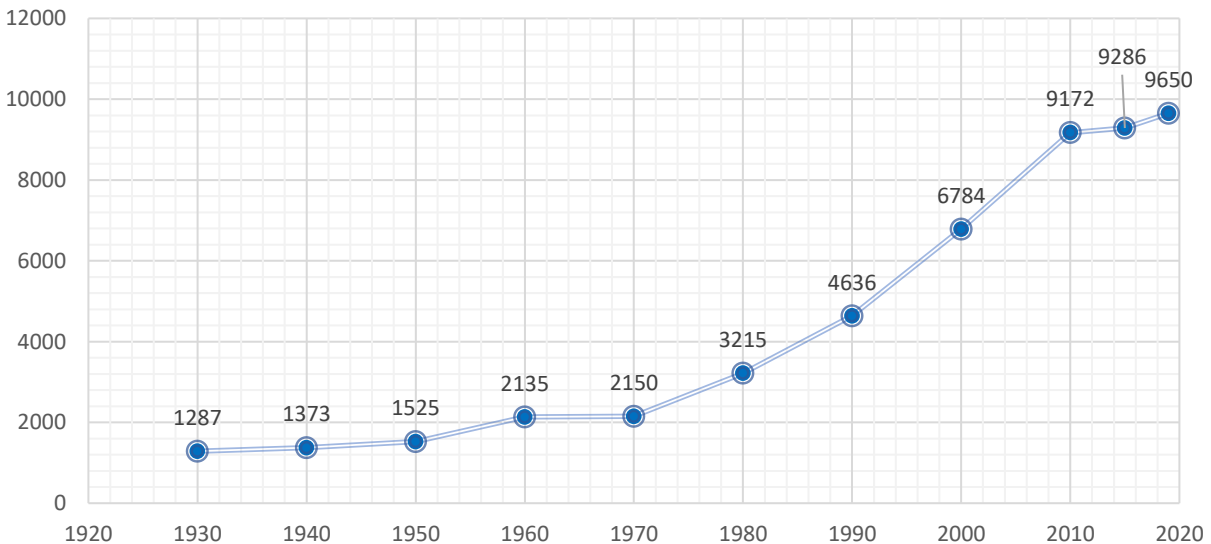
Location and Geography

Rifle is a Home Rule Municipality located in Garfield County. The land area covers about 6.96 square miles.

Population and Demographics

Rifle's population grew from 9,289 people in 2015 to 9,650 in 2019. Rifle's population accounted for 16 percent of the County's population in 2019. The City of Rifle staff estimates the 2022 population is 10,400.

Figure RFL.1: Population 1930 – 2019



Source: U.S. Census Bureau¹

In comparison to Garfield County, Rifle's population is:

¹ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: S0101: Age and Sex." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov>.

- **Younger.** The mean age of Rifle's population was 32.4 years old in 2019, compared with the County average of 36.5 years old. The age-distribution of Rifle's population has grown slightly older since 2015, when the mean age was 31.8 years. Rifle had a larger proportion of people under 20 years old (31.1%) than the County (27.7 percent).²
- **More ethnically diverse.** Since 2015, Rifle grew more ethnically diverse. In 2015, 21.6 percent of Rifle's population was Hispanic (2,044 people). By 2019, about 30.7 percent of Rifle's population was Hispanic (2,959 people). This trend is similar to increasing ethnic diversity in Garfield County, where Hispanic population increased from 28.1 to 28.4 percent of the population between 2015 to 2019.³
- **More likely to be in poverty.** The poverty rate in Rifle (11.4 percent of people living below the federal poverty line) was higher than the County's poverty rate (8.6 percent) in 2019.⁴

Employment and Economics

Consideration of Rifle's economy is important in mitigation planning. In comparison to Garfield County, Rifle's economy had:

- **Similar household income.** Rifle's median household income in 2019 (\$76,985) was about \$1,000 greater than the County (\$75,937).⁵
- **Similar commuters.** About 39.8 percent of workers in Rifle commuted for fewer than 15 minutes, compared with about 27.7 percent of workers in Garfield County. About 45.8 percent of workers in Rifle commute 30 minutes or more to work, compared to about 45.4 percent of the County workers.⁶
- **Similar mix of industries.** Rifle's major employment sectors, accounting for 10 percent or more of employment each, were: Construction, Professional, Waste Management Services (professional, scientific, management and administrative), Educational Services and Arts and Entertainment. Garfield County's industries include Construction, Retail Trade, Professional and Scientific jobs, Educational Services, and Arts and Entertainment.⁷

Housing

Understanding the characteristics of Rifle's housing stock is important to mitigation planning. Housing that is in poor condition is more likely to be at-risk during recovery than housing in good condition. Some indicators of condition include housing tenure and housing age, older renter-occupied housing is more likely to be in poor condition than newer owner-occupied housing. The City of Rifle has adopted the 2015 International Building Codes. All residential and commercial developments must follow these regulations. However, homes and structures built prior to building code adoption may not meet current regulatory standards. In comparison to Garfield County, Rifle's housing stock was:

- **Slightly more renter-occupied.** Approximately 35.1 percent of occupied housing units in Rifle are renter occupied compared with 33.4 percent of occupied housing in Garfield County.⁸

² United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: S0101: Age and Sex." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

³ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: DP05: ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

⁴ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

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⁶ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: S0802: Means of Transportation to Work by Selected Characteristics." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

⁷ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

⁸ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: DP04: Selected Housing Characteristics." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

- **Older.** Rifle has a larger share of housing built prior to 1970 than the County (20.6% compared to 17.6%).⁹
- **Less multifamily.** Rifle has a smaller share of multifamily housing with five or more units per structure (7.4%) than the County average (13.4%). About 62 percent of housing in Rifle was single-family detached, compared with 62.4 percent on the County's housing. Rifle had a smaller share of mobile and manufactured housing (6.6%) compared to the County (9.7%).¹⁰ The City estimates there are approximately 200 mobile homes located in Rifle.

Land use, Development, and Transportation

Rifle maintains a fairly compact urban form. The original town site is located north of I-70 and the Colorado River. The majority of the residential districts are within 1-mile of the historic Central Business District. Employment centers are located on Airport Road south of I-70 and west of town along Hwy 6. Regional commercial and lodging is also found south of I-70 adjacent to Airport Road.

North Rifle, comprised mainly of single-family residential, is bisected by Highway 13. Highway 13 is one of the most heavily used Hazardous Material shipping routes in the State of Colorado. This route passes near important community assets, including a school, police and fire stations, and commercial areas. This section of highway also serves as part of the east-west alternate route through the State when I-70 is closed by severe weather or accident.

The City of Rifle serves as the gateway to Northwest Colorado. Rifle is served by Interstate 70 (east/west) and Highway 13 (north/south). The State maintains two interchanges and several bridges in Rifle. The City maintains four bridge structures critical to local traffic circulation. Garfield County Regional Airport is located in southeast Rifle. Finally, Union Pacific operates its east-west rail corridor through Rifle.

The following is a summary of recent development. There are a number of approved housing subdivisions on the east side of town. The City is in the process of completing over \$4.5 million in projects in the downtown area. These projects include water lines to businesses, improving drainage, updating gas lines and sanitary sewer lines. The City also replaced the raw water intake to the water plant.

⁹ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: DP04: Selected Housing Characteristics." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

¹⁰ United States Census Bureau. "2019 American Fact Finder: DP04: Selected Housing Characteristics." [database file]. <https://factfinder.census.gov/>.

Critical Facilities and Infrastructure

Each participating jurisdiction identified critical facilities vital for disaster response, providing shelter to the public, and essential for returning the jurisdiction's functions to normal during and after a disaster. Critical facilities were identified during the original planning process and updated by the local planning team as a part of this plan update. The following table and figure provide a summary of the critical facilities for Rifle and whether they are in known hazard areas.

Table RFL.1: Rifle Critical Facilities

Number	Name	Generator (Y/N)	Floodplain	Dam Inundation	Wildfire Hazard	Geologic Hazards
1	Garfield County Fairgrounds	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
2	Rifle Middle School	N	Yes	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
3	Rifle City Hall	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
4	County Dispatch Center	N	No	No	None	Soils Hazard
5	Rifle Police	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
6	Garfield County Court Annex	N	Yes	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
7	Colorado River Fire Rescue Station 41	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
8	Garfield County Health & Human Services	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
9	RE-2 Administration Building	N	No	No	None	Soils Hazard
10	Rifle Branch Library	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
11	Colorado Mountain College	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
12	Rifle High School	N	No	No	None	Soils Hazard
13	Esmal Lewis Elementary School	N	Yes	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
14	Wamsley Elementary School	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
15	Highland Elementary School	N	No	No	None	None
16	Rifle Correctional Center*	N	No	No	None	None
17	Waste Water Treatment	N	No	Yes	None	None
18	Rifle Post Office	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
19	Colorado Mountain College	N	No	No	Low	Soils Hazard
20	Colorado River Fire Rescue Station 43	N	No	No	None	Soils Hazard
21	Grand River Health Hospital-Medical Center	N	No	No	None	Soils Hazard
22	Administration Building	N	No	Yes	None	Soils Hazard
23	Water Intake	N	Yes	Yes	None	None
24	Water Treatment Plant	N	No	No	None	Soils Hazard
25	Pump Station	N	No	No	None	Soils Hazard

Number	Name	Generator (Y/N)	Floodplain	Dam Inundation	Wildfire Hazard	Geologic Hazards
26	Rifle Parks Maintenance Facility	N	No	No	None	None

* Located north of the corporate limits

Health and Medical Facilities

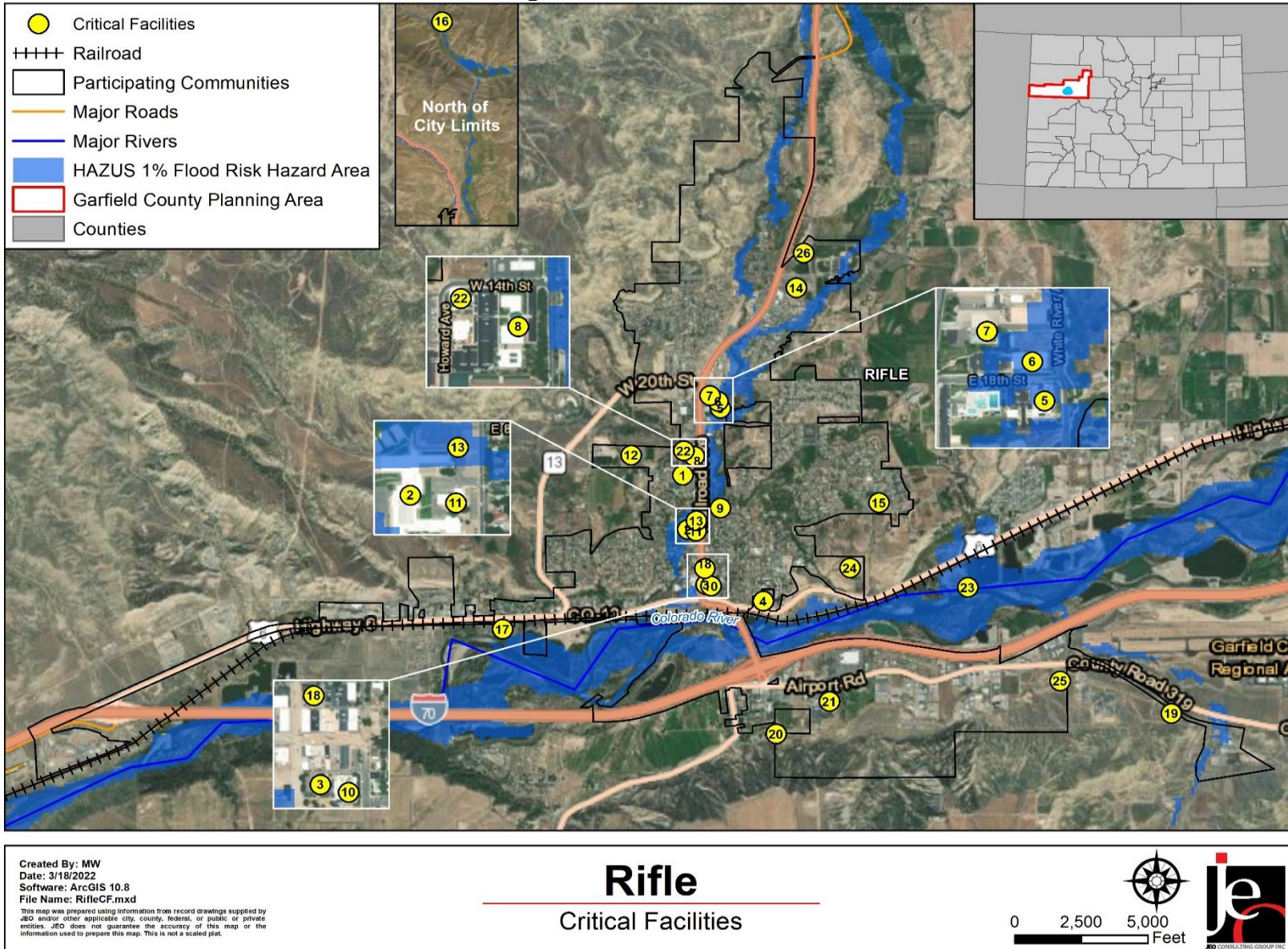
The following medical and health facilities are located within the community.

Table RFL.6: City of Rifle Medical Facilities

Type of Facility	Facility Name	Operating Status
Assisted Living Facility	Chateau at Rifle	Active
Community Clinic	Rifle Correctional Center	Active
Federally Qualified Health Center	Mountain Family Health Center	Active
Hospital	Grand River Medical Center	Active
IDD – Group Home	Mesa View	Active
IDD – Group Home	Vista House	Active
Nursing Home	Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home – Rifle	Active
Nursing Home	Grand River Health Care Center	Active
Rural Health Clinic	Grand River Primary Care	Active

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Figure RFL.2: Rifle Critical Facilities



Historic and Cultural Resources

Rifle, through a local historic preservation ordinance, listed the Post Office, Rifle House, McLearn Building, and Ute Theatre as historic structures. In addition, the Rifle Post Office, Havemeyer-Willcox Canal Pumphouse, and Rifle Bridge are listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. All the listed structures are located in the Rifle Central Business District.

Historic Places

The following table lists Historic Sites in the City of Rifle according to the National Register of Historic Places.

Table RFL.6: City of Rifle Historical Sites

Name	Location	Date Listed
Havemeyer-Willcox Canal Pumphouse and Forebay	West of Rifle	5/22/1980
Rifle Bridge	Off U.S. Highway 6 over the Colorado River	2/4/1985
US Post Office – Rifle Main	Railroad Ave and 4 th St	1/24/1986

Source: National Register of Historic Places, 2021¹¹

Community Organizations and Programs

Rifle could call upon the following community organizations/programs to assist in implementing mitigation measures:

- Garfield County Public Safety Council
- Oil & Gas Community Investment Programs
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Administrative Structure

The City of Rifle operates a City Council – City Manager form of government. The City is a Home Rule municipality. The City Council is comprised of seven (7) members elected at-large for four (4) year terms. Following each election, the Council appoints a Mayor. The City Manager is hired to serve at the will of City Council and manage day-to-day City operations.

Hazard Prioritization

The Garfield County Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates a range of natural and man-made hazards which pose a risk to the county and communities. However, during the planning process, the local planning team identified specific hazards of top concern for Rifle which required a more nuanced and in-depth discussion of local events, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions the community wishes to pursue. The following section expands on the hazards of top concern identified by the Rifle local planning team, including:

- Flood
- Wildfire
- Landslide, Mud/Debris Flow, and Rockfall
- Severe Winter Weather
- Hazardous Materials

¹¹National Register of Historic Places: Garfield County Colorado. 2021.
<https://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/co/garfield/state.html>

For a review and analysis of other natural hazards, please see the county-wide summary in *Section Four: Risk Assessment*.

Flood

The City has identified the following geographic areas and related vulnerabilities in which local flood risk is greater than the risk described in the County's risk assessment, and in which additional actions are warranted to reduce the risk to life and property from flooding:

- Failure of Rifle Gap Dam, which holds back an active reservoir capacity of 12,168 acre-feet. Complete dam failure would result in serious impacts to the City of Rifle. Waters would submerge and inundate the downtown area and two schools; police and fire stations; grocery stores; City Hall; and major transportation infrastructure (I-70, Hwy 6, and the railroad). This would result in isolation of residential populations. The County NHMP includes the dam inundation maps.
- The intake pond for the City's water supply is susceptible to failure during significant flood events. Past high runoff events have led to damages to the intake. The pond is also adjacent to the Union Pacific Rail line that carries hazardous materials.
- The waste treatment center is located in the 100-year floodplain.
- The City's hospital and medical center is within a 100-year floodplain and situated near an alluvial fan with potential debris flow opportunity. The facility was built in compliance with floodplain development standards and engineered to mitigate anticipated potential impacts. The floodplain has not experienced a 100-year or greater event since the construction of the facility.
- Some of the City's major commercial retail outlets are impacted by a 100-year floodplain, including a Wal-Mart that serves a regional market and some industrial employment base.
- Housing located along the river near the interchange with I-70 is located in the Colorado River floodplain, and has experienced flooding in the past. The homes were built in early 1900s and experience flooding about once every 10 – 15 years (however, they do not meet the definition of repetitive loss properties by the NFIP). The flooding impacts have grown with the introduction I-70 and associated drainage structures.
- Residents along Rifle Creek immediately west and north of the Central Business District experience flash flooding. Tributaries of Rifle Creek (Government Creek and Hubbard Gulch) are prone to flooding during the monsoon season (July and August). This historically occurs every 7 – 10 years.

Mitigation Success:

The City of Rifle is not new to risk reduction and mitigation activities. The following projects show a track record of success in implementation:

- Construction of the Slaughter House Gulch retention structure;
- Evaluation and cost assessment for Government Creek floodwater mitigation;
- Preparation of evacuation plan for Garfield RE-2 School District in the event of a catastrophic failure on Rifle Gap Dam;
- Rifle Creek flood mitigation along Acacia Ave through Deerfield Subdivision; and
- Flood mitigation on Rifle Creek through Centennial Park design.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The City of Rifle participates in the NFIP by adopting and enforcing floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters, and business owners in these communities. Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Flood Insurance and Rate Maps (FIRM) are current and effective as of January 3, 1986. There are no repetitive flood loss properties in City of Rifle.

FEMA and Wood Associates are in the process of updating the FIRMs throughout the county. Planned approval and adoption of the new maps is anticipated for 2024. Rifle will continue to comply with NFIP requirements by adopting and implementing the new FIRMs once approved.

Table RFL.2: Rifle NFIP Statistics

Jurisdiction	Policies In-Force	Total Coverage	Total Premiums	Closed Losses	Total Payments
Rifle	31	\$8,511,800	\$21,589	8	\$44,686.15

Source: *NFIP Community Status Book, July 2021; NFIP Policy and Claim Statistics*

Wildfire

In this mitigation plan, the City wishes to acknowledge the following geographic areas and related vulnerabilities in which local risk is greater than the risk described in the County's risk assessment, and in which additional actions are warranted to reduce the risk to life and property:

- The northernmost portion of the City, which is currently undeveloped, is expected to be developed with residential uses in the future. This area is vulnerable to wildfires.
- Along the City's western border, and part of the southern border, wildland-urban interface fires may spread into urbanized areas.

The community has experienced some small brush fires with the most recent occurring in 2021. Other than damaged vegetation, no property was destroyed. Rifle is developing a WUI code that will be presented for adoption to City Council in May or June of 2022.

In January of 2022, the City began a partnership with the local fire department to conduct fire mitigation in and around Rifle. In February of 2022, education videos will be produced for the public to include having a family emergency plan and mitigation around homes that homeowners can complete. In 2023, the fire department will begin removing ladder fuel from city property. In 2024, Rifle anticipates offering free chipping of wood for homeowners. The fire department will provide the chipper and the city will supply a dump truck to haul the wood chips. Rifle may truck the chips to a biomass business for recycling.

Landslides, Mud/Debris Flow, Rockfall

Some geographic areas and related vulnerabilities experience local landslide and debris flow risk that is greater than the risk described in the County's risk assessment. The local planning team indicated that impacts from the Glenwood Canyon mudslides led to increased traffic and some fuel scarcity. Participants in the plan process from Rifle highlighted that a commercial and industrial employment area located at the base of a debris flow area at Ramsey Gulch could be impacted. The hospital was also identified as vulnerable to landslides.

Severe Winter Weather

In general, severe winter weather events are frequent occurrences in the County and residents are aware and prepared. Existing programs target risk reduction and education related to severe winter weather. Discussion from plan participants was focused on the importance of regional transportation infrastructure that serves northwest Colorado (Highway 13 and I-70), which could both be shut down in a major snow event.

The local planning team indicated that some snow removal equipment is aging and they will need to purchase additional plowing equipment within the next 5 years. In 2022, the City is purchasing a new 4x4 dump truck/snowplow which will enhance their ability to remove snow from the hills.

Hazardous Materials

Several hazardous materials transfer routes (most notably I-70 and the rail line) bisect the County; spills or accidents along these lines, which also run near the Colorado River, could result in contamination of the source of drinking water for many communities in the County, including Rifle.

In Rifle, the risk from hazardous materials spills is amplified by the intersection of three major hazardous materials routes: Highway 13, I-70, and the railroad. Highway 13 runs through town, and adjacent to important City critical infrastructure, including a school, a dispatch center, the County Health and Human Services Medical Clinic, and the historic commercial district.

The City is planning to conduct a hazardous materials emergency exercise involving the police department and the local fire department in 2022. All police officers have the Emergency Response Guide in their vehicles and on their cell phones.

Capability Assessment

The capability assessment consisted of a review of local existing policies, regulations, plans, and programs with hazard mitigation capabilities. The following tables summarize the jurisdiction’s planning and regulatory capability; administrative and technical capability; fiscal capability; educational and outreach capability; and overall capability to implement mitigation projects.

Table RFL.3: Capability Assessment

Survey Components/Subcomponents		Yes/No
Planning & Regulatory Capability	Comprehensive Plan	Yes
	Capital Improvements Plan	Yes
	Economic Development Plan	Yes
	Emergency Operational Plan	Yes (2005)
	Floodplain Management Plan	No
	Storm Water Management Plan	No
	Zoning Ordinance	Yes
	Subdivision Regulation/Ordinance	Yes
	Floodplain Ordinance	Yes
	Building Codes	Yes
	National Flood Insurance Program	Yes
	Community Rating System	No
	Other (if any)	
Administrative & Technical Capability	Planning Commission	Yes
	Floodplain Administration	Yes
	GIS Capabilities	Yes
	Chief Building Official	Yes
	Civil Engineering	Yes
	Local Staff Who Can Assess Community's Vulnerability to Hazards	Yes
	Grant Manager	Yes
	Mutual Aid Agreement	Yes

Survey Components/Subcomponents		Yes/No
	Other (if any)	
Fiscal Capability	Capital Improvement Plan/ 1 & 6 Year plan	Yes
	Applied for grants in the past	Yes
	Awarded a grant in the past	Yes
	Authority to Levy Taxes for Specific Purposes such as Mitigation Projects	Yes
	Gas/Electric Service Fees	No
	Storm Water Service Fees	No
	Water/Sewer Service Fees	Yes
	Development Impact Fees	Yes
	General Obligation Revenue or Special Tax Bonds	Yes
	Other (if any)	
Education & Outreach Capability	Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc. Ex. CERT Teams, Red Cross, etc.	Yes
	Ongoing public education or information program (e.g., responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, environmental education)	Yes
	Natural Disaster or Safety related school programs	No
	StormReady Certification	No
	Firewise Communities Certification	No
	Tree City USA	No
	Other (if any)	

Overall Capability	2017 Plan Limited, Moderate, High	2022 Plan Limited, Moderate, High
Does the jurisdiction have the financial resources needed to implement mitigation projects?	Moderate	Moderate
Does the jurisdiction have the staff/expertise to implement projects?	High	Moderate
Does the jurisdiction have the community support to implement projects	Moderate	Moderate
Does the jurisdiction have the time to devote to hazard mitigation?	Moderate	Limited

Plan Integration

Plans listed in the following section were reviewed by the local planning team to identify opportunities to integrate the HMP with current planning mechanisms. These documents were also used by the local planning team to assist in identifying risks, vulnerabilities, and potential mitigation actions. The documents directly contributed to the hazard prioritization and mitigation action items sections of this community profile. During the Comprehensive Plan update, Rifle reviewed the HMP to ensure the goals, risk data, and actions identified were consistent with the plan update. When these plans and other relevant community planning mechanisms are updated, the local planning team will review the HMP for opportunities to incorporate the goals, risk and vulnerability data, and mitigation actions into the plan update as appropriate.

Rifle participated in the Source Water Protection for the Colorado River Partnership in 2013. This Source Water Protection Plan identifies potential risks to surface water and groundwater quality within the watershed, promotes management practices to protect and enhance the drinking water supply, and provides for a comprehensive action plan in case of an emergency that threatens or disrupts the community water supply.

The 2019 Rifle Comprehensive Plan discourages development in known hazard areas including geological hazard areas and the floodplain. The plan also encourages water conservation strategies. The Rifle Comprehensive Plan is in the process being updated. Rifle will explore options to further integrate hazard mitigation into the future Comprehensive Plan updates.

In 2008, Rifle completed a Water Conservation Plan that evaluates current water supplies, forecasts future water needs, and contains strategies to further water conservation.

As Rifle's population continues to grow, the city will be required to develop a storm water management program as a small MS4 in order to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System of the EPA.

Rifle has included a mitigation action to evaluate the comprehensive plan and development codes to identify opportunities to further integrate hazard mitigation principles into these documents.

Plan Maintenance

Hazard Mitigation Plans should be living documents and updated regularly to reflect changes in hazard events, priorities, and mitigation actions. These updates are encouraged to occur after every major disaster event, alongside community planning documents (i.e. annual budgets and Capital Improvement Plans), during the fall before the HMA grant cycle begins, and/or prior to other funding opportunity cycles begin including CDBG, Water Sustainability Fund, Revolving State Fund, or other identified funding mechanisms.

The Rifle City Manager and relevant city officials will initiate a review of the HMP every six months to identify any necessary changes or funding opportunities. Any revisions will be presented at a regular City Council meeting.

Mitigation Action Items

Short and long-term action items identified through the planning process are an important part of the mitigation plan. Action items are detailed recommendations for activities that local departments, citizens and others could engage in to reduce risk. Although not all the actions below fit the definition of mitigation, they add to the overall resilience of the community and are thus included within the hazard mitigation plan.

Completed Actions:

Action and Description	Hazards Addressed	Goals	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Timeline	Priority	Lead Agency	Status
Inundation Evacuation Plan: Develop an inundation evacuation plan related to the failure of the Rifle Gap Dam.	Flood	1	Unknown	Rifle General Fund	2-5 years	Medium	Floodplain Administrator, Police Chief	Completed

New and Ongoing Actions:

Action and Description	Hazards Addressed	Goals	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Timeline	Priority	Lead Agency	Status
Catastrophic Recovery Plan: Develop a catastrophic recovery plan	All Hazards	1	Staff Time	Rifle General Fund	2-5 years	High	City Manager, Police Chief	This is a continued mitigation action. Not yet started.
Assess the Resilience of Facilities: Assess the resilience of the water plant, wastewater treatment plant, and water intake pond to the hazards identified in the Rifle community profile and develop mitigation alternatives accordingly as part of the capital facilities plans for water and wastewater infrastructure	All Hazards	1	Unknown	Rifle General Fund	2-5 years	High	Public Works	This is a continued mitigation action. Rifle conducted EPA Water Risk and Reliance Assessment for water plant in May of 2020. Wastewater needs to be completed. These assessments will include all hazards identified in the Rifle community profile.

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Action and Description	Hazards Addressed	Goals	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Timeline	Priority	Lead Agency	Status
<p>Comprehensive Plan: Review Comprehensive Plan and development codes for opportunities to more effectively reduce risks to new development and public property</p>	All Hazards	1,5	Unknown	Rifle General Fund	1-2 years	High	Planning Director	This is a continued mitigation action. The comprehensive plan was updated in 2019. The City anticipates editing this plan to include more codes in May of 2022.
<p>National Flood Insurance Program: Continue compliance with the NFIP through the enforcement of local floodplain ordinances</p>	Flood	1	Staff Time	Rifle General Fund	Ongoing	High	Floodplain Administrator	This is a continued mitigation action. The City of Rifle continues to enforce floodplain ordinances and analyze flood risk for new development. Rifle will continue to comply with NFIP requirements by adopting the new FEMA approved FIRMs, anticipated in 2024.
<p>Update Flood Insurance Rate Maps: Update the city's FIRMs</p>	Flood	1,2,3,4,5	Staff Time	Rifle General Fund	1-2 years	High	Floodplain Administrator	This is a continued mitigation action. Garfield County and FEMA are currently in the process of updating the FIRMs throughout the county. New maps are anticipated in 2024. Rifle will adopt the new FIRMs as part of the floodplain ordinance once approved.

Action and Description	Hazards Addressed	Goals	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Timeline	Priority	Lead Agency	Status
Evaluate Flow Capacity: Evaluate flow capacity beneath City bridges, and, if necessary, replace.	Flood	2	Unknown	Rifle General Fund	2-5 years	Medium	Floodplain Administrator, Public Works	This is a continued mitigation action. Not yet started
Evaluate Property Loss: Evaluate historic and potential future property loss along Rifle Creek and its tributaries to determine whether mitigation or property acquisition is warranted	Flood	5	Unknown	Rifle General Fund	2-5 years	Medium	Floodplain Administrator	This is a continued mitigation action. Not yet started.
Coordinate with Fire District: Coordinate with Colorado River Fire Rescue to review development codes and improve opportunities to mitigate wildfires near residential communities	Wildfire	1,5	Unknown	Rifle General Fund	2-5 years	Medium	Building Department	This is a continued mitigation action. Meeting was held with the fire department on January 21, 2022, addressing these issues. Working on adopting WUI in 2022.
Increase Access: Identify and implement access improvements	All Hazards	1	Varies by Project	Rifle General Fund	2-5 years	Medium	City Manager	This is a new mitigation action. City identified neighborhood in NW Rifle and obtained right of way for additional access.