

Chapter 2: MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION GOALS

The goals listed below stem from public input during the Project Impact Convening Session and discussions with the Fremont County Association of Governments (FCAG) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) over a period of several months in the early part of 2005. The Fremont County Association of Governments and Local Emergency Planning Committee reviewed and approved these goals at a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting held in Lander on September 13, 2005 based on a discussion of the hazard assessment. The Fremont County Association of Governments and the Local Emergency Planning Committee reviewed and approved the goals on July 9, 2009 at the Fremont County Association of Governments "briefing" based on a discussion of the hazard assessment and the information presented.

Notification of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan update was published in the month of February 2011 in the legal sections of local Fremont County newspapers; two times in each newspaper. Fremont County Emergency Management Coordinator Kathi Metzler interviewed on radio in March 2011 to present the information again to the public.

" The Fremont County Emergency Management Agency is currently updating its County/Municipal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Action Plan and is seeking comments/input from the residents of Fremont County. The mitigation plan can be viewed at the official Emergency Management Agency title then click on the Mitigation Action Plan. Comments, in writing, can be sent to Fremont County Emergency Management Agency, 322 N. 8th West, Riverton, WY., 82501 or E-mailed to fcema@wyoming.com.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENT is Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m."

Although this item remains in the public eye and on the agenda for organizations, no input has been received to this office as of March 31, 2011.

Goals

The following goals describe the general direction that Fremont County agencies, organizations, and citizens can take to minimize the impacts of natural hazards.

Goals to Protect Life and Property

- ❑ Implement activities that assist in protecting lives by making homes, businesses, infrastructure, critical facilities and other property more resistant to losses from natural and technological hazards.
- ❑ Reduce losses and repetitive damages for chronic natural hazard events while promoting insurance coverage for catastrophic natural hazards.

- ❑ Improve hazard assessment information to make recommendations for discouraging new development and encouraging preventative measures for existing development in areas vulnerable to natural hazards.

Goals to Increase Public Awareness

- ❑ Develop and implement education and outreach programs to increase public awareness of the risks associated with natural and technological hazards.
- ❑ Provide information on tools, partnership opportunities, and funding resources to assist in implementing mitigation activities.

Goals to Protect Natural Systems

- ❑ Balance watershed planning and natural resource management by using a “multiple use” strategy on public lands and other land use planning tactics with the outcome of natural hazard mitigation to protect life, property, and the environment.
- ❑ Preserve, rehabilitate, and enhance natural systems under a multiple use strategy on public lands to serve natural hazard mitigation functions.

Goals to Strengthen Partnerships

- ❑ Strengthen communication and coordinate participation among and within public agencies, citizens, non-profit organizations, business, and industry to gain a vested interest in implementation of the mitigation plan.
- ❑ Encourage leadership within public and private sector organizations to prioritize and implement local, county, and regional hazard mitigation activities.

Goals to Support Emergency Services

- ❑ Establish policy to ensure mitigation projects for critical facilities, services, and infrastructure.
- ❑ Strengthen emergency operations by increasing collaboration and coordination among public agencies, non-profit organizations, business, and industry.
- ❑ Coordinate and integrate natural and technological hazard mitigation activities, where appropriate, with emergency operations plans and procedures.