

XVII. Plan Monitoring, Maintenance, Revision, and Coordination

Responsible Parties

The Crook County Commissioners in cooperation with the mayors of Hulett, Moorcroft, Pine Haven, and Sundance are responsible for ensuring that the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) is kept current. With adoption of the plan, the Commissioners designate the Crook County Emergency Manager--with the assistance of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)--as the lead in accomplishing the on-going responsibility.

Plan Monitoring and Evaluation

There are two types of plan monitoring and evaluation; effectiveness and implementation. Effectiveness monitoring looks at whether the plan has addressed needed items. Implementation monitoring looks at whether projects in the plan are being undertaken and completed. The Crook County Emergency Management Coordinator with the help of the LEPC will ask the following questions to evaluate the effectiveness and implementation of the plan.

- Have any potential hazards developed that were not addressed in the plan?
- Have any natural disasters occurred that were not addressed in the plan?
- Has any unanticipated development occurred that is vulnerable to hazards?
- Are there any additional mitigation ideas that need to be incorporated?
- Have projects been initiated and/or completed?
- What are the barriers to completing projects identified in the plan?

Each summer starting in 2014 the LEPC will meet to ask and answer the questions listed above. The discussion will be documented so that when the plan is revised, the findings of the monitoring can be incorporated into the revision. The Crook County Emergency Management Coordinator will convene the LEPC for this purpose.

Plan Update Review Triggers

Any of the following three situations could trigger a review and update of the plan.

- Occurrence of a major natural disaster in or near the county,
- Passage of five years, or
- Change in state or federal regulations which must be complied with.

Revision Procedures

Should a major natural disaster occur in Crook County, the LEPC shall meet following the disaster to determine whether a review of the MHMP is warranted. In the absence of a major natural disaster, the five-year review will take place during the nine-month period preceding the FEMA approval anniversary date.

The Crook County Emergency Management Coordinator will publish a legal ad in the newspaper(s) of record notifying the public that an update is being initiated and providing information on how and where to get information on the project and how to provide input. The coordinator will then convene the LEPC and with their assistance and/or the assistance of the WOHS or a contractor as determined necessary, carry out the following tasks;

1. Review the comments on the Plan Review Tool offered by the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS) and FEMA during their most recent review of the plan.
2. Examine and revise the risk assessment and development trends data as needed to ensure they are current.
3. Update the mitigation strategies to incorporate completion of actions and add any needed strategies or projects.
4. Identify problems that may be hindering or affecting implementation of the plan, and recommend actions for resolving those problems.
5. Recommend any necessary revisions to the MHMP.
6. Comply with all applicable regulations and statutes.

Forty-five days prior to the five-year anniversary date, a final draft of the revised plan will be submitted to the WOHS. An annual review will be conducted by the Crook County Emergency Management Coordinator for the purpose of summarizing the status and effectiveness of the plan mitigation goals or strategies.

Incorporation into Other Plans

If and when Crook County, the incorporated communities of Hullet, Moorcroft, Pine Haven or Sundance develop/update their comprehensive land use plans, the goals and projects in this MHMP will be considered and incorporated by reference or as appropriate.

This plan information is provided to the state so that when the statewide hazard mitigation plan is updated, this information can be included. No other planning efforts are anticipated or underway.

Opportunity for Continued Public Involvement

To ensure the public will have the opportunity to remain involved in the implementation and annual updates of the plan, the following will take place.

- 1) The Crook County Emergency Management Coordinator will provide an annual summary presentation or report to the five governing bodies on what has been accomplished during the previous year and to receive guidance from the elected officials on their priorities for the coming year.
- 2) Each year following the summer LEPC meeting called for the purpose of reviewing the status of the plan, the county will provide information to the newspapers to notify the public of the accomplishments of the previous year and allow comment for any revisions.