

Natural Hazard Action Item Proposal Form

Proposed Action Item:		Alignment with Plan Goals:	
Involve the public in updating the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan		Increase Education, Outreach, and Awareness	
Rationale for Proposed Action Item:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing stakeholder and/or community collaboration on the plan will strengthen its viability and effectiveness, and will boost community capacity/resilience to disaster. ○ Well-designed and well-implemented citizen participation can (among many things): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop and environment of goodwill and trust ● Provide information about public perceptions and concerns that planners and policy makers may have overlooked ● Provide citizen support for a final project or strategy ● Lead to understandable and consensus-driven decision making. ○ The plan will benefit from continual upgrading; if residents are able to highlight needs or issues not identified in the plan, then the document will benefit from comprehensive review. ○ The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that Hazard Mitigation Plans will keep the public engaged in the planning and maintenance of the hazard mitigation plan [201.6(c)(4)(ii)]. Involving the public when updating the plan will fulfill the DMA2k requirements for public participation throughout the planning process and keep them informed about the natural hazards in their communities and the potential risks involved. ○ Mitigation is a shared responsibility between local, state, and federal government; citizens; businesses; non-profit organizations; and others. Involving the public in updating the mitigation plan not only increases the public's awareness of a community's hazard risks, but also helps a community reduce its risk to the hazards addressed by the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. 			
Ideas for Implementation:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Place the Regional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan on reserve at public libraries in La Grande, Enterprise, Baker City and John Day. ● Wallowa County: include a description of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan in the yearly Wallowa County Budget Report. ● Publish a report for the local newspapers once the plan has been FEMA-approved and adopted. The report should describe what the plan is, where the public can access the plan, and who can be contacted for questions. ● Post a link on the municipality's website to the Partners for Disaster Resistance and Resilience website (http://www.oregonshowcase.org/) where the plan will be available for viewing once approved and adopted. ● Identify additional stakeholders to contact/involve in the future 			
Coordinating Organization:		Local Steering Committees	
Internal Partners:		External Partners:	
City Managers, County Planning Departments		Local Newspapers	
Timeline:		If available, estimated cost:	
<u>Short Term</u> (0-2 years)	<u>Long Term</u> (2-4 or more years)		
Short Term			
Form Submitted by:		RARE Participant	

