



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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### STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brian Bovaird, Director of Emergency Management  
**DATE:** May 21, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

### INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Summit County and several participating jurisdictions prepared this updated local hazard mitigation plan to guide hazard mitigation planning to better protect the people and property of the County from the effects of hazard events. This plan demonstrates the communities' commitment to reducing risks from hazards and serves as a tool to help decision makers direct mitigation activities and resources. The plan is intended to be a living document through ongoing implementation and regular updates every five years. The original plan was developed in 2008 and updated in 2013 and 2020.

The four goals of the Summit County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan are the following:

- Goal 1: Reduce risk to the people, property, and environment of Summit County from the impacts of hazards
- Goal 2: Protect critical facilities and infrastructure
- Goal 3: Minimize economic losses
- Goal 4: Implement the mitigation actions identified in the plan

This plan was also developed to maintain Summit County and participating jurisdiction's eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance, specifically the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA), Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program, as well as to make the County more disaster resistant.

### PLAN ORGANIZATION

The Summit County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is organized as follows:

- Executive Summary
- Chapter 1: Introduction and Planning Area Profile
- Chapter 2: Planning Process
- Chapter 3: Risk Assessment
- Chapter 4: Mitigation Strategy
- Chapter 5: Plan Implementation and Maintenance
- Jurisdictional Annexes
- Appendices
  - Appendix A: References

- Appendix B: Planning Process Documentation
- Appendix C: Mitigation Action Alternatives and Prioritization
- Appendix D: Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
- Appendix E: Local Plan Adoptions

### **UPDATED CONTENT**

The updated plan complies with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidance for Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. The update followed the requirements noted in the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 and FEMA's 2013 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Handbook. This multi-jurisdictional multi-hazard mitigation plan update involved a comprehensive review and update of each section of the 2013 plan and includes an assessment of the success of Summit County and the participating jurisdictions in evaluating, monitoring, and implementing the mitigation strategy outlined in the initial plan.

As part of this plan update, all sections of the plan were reviewed and updated to reflect new data and methodologies on hazards, risk analysis, capabilities, and mitigation strategies. The plan was also revised to reflect changes in development, including using the latest version of the assessor's office data as the basis for identifying overall and hazard exposure for developed parcels by County and jurisdiction. All relevant information and data still valid from the 2013 plan was carried forward as applicable to this plan update. Where applicable, the plan was revised to reflect changes in priorities, notably in the priority of hazard mitigation actions detailed in Chapter 4 and in the jurisdictional annexes.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends that the BOCC formally adopt the 2020 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.