

City of Elko ELKO COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE



PRESS RELEASE

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The City of Elko and Elko County experienced a flood in February 2017. This incident quickly developed into a disaster for many citizens, towns, and cities. While still in the process of recovery and working on mitigation measures due to the flood, The City of Elko and Elko County experienced several wildland/urban interface fires as well. All of these emergency events have demonstrated that the City of Elko and Elko County can be vulnerable to disasters, not only floods and fires, but winter storms, earthquakes, hazardous material spills and even drought. The risks posed by these hazards will continue to increase as the County's population continues to grow.

The City of Elko and Elko County Emergency Management, along with the Cities of Carlin, Wells, West Wendover and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) have launched a planning effort, known as the *Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan*, to assess risks posed by natural disasters and identify ways to reduce those risks. This plan is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as a pre-requisite for receiving certain forms of Federal disaster assistance.

The City of Elko and Elko County began this planning process in August 2017 and is requesting input through a questionnaire available at www.elkocity.com for public input. The City and County anticipates submittal of the draft plan to the Elko City Council and the Board of County Commissioners for adoption in the spring of 2018.

Public comments and participation is welcomed. For additional information, please see the Home page "Announcement" to participate in our community survey or pick up hard copies at City Hall and Elko Fire Station 1. Please contact Matt Griego or Jack Snyder at Office at (775) 777-7345 or mgriego@elkocitynv.gov, jssnyder@elkocitynv.gov