

# Umatilla County

## Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update



### About the Plan

Umatilla County's existing Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) expired in 2019. NHMPs must be updated every five years.

Umatilla County is collaborating with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to update the NHMP. The updated NHMP will be a multi-jurisdictional document that includes the county's 12 incorporated cities and several special districts. The updated NHMP will ensure the county, cities, and special districts maintain eligibility for federal disaster-related funding.

This project is made possible by the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The HMGP assists states, tribes, and local communities in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters.

A Steering Committee, co-chaired by County Emergency Manager, Thomas Roberts, and County Planning Director, Robert Waldher, is working with DLCD to update the NHMP. The NHMP is targeted for completion and adoption by mid-2021.



*"to prevent loss and protect life, property and the environment from the risk of natural hazards through coordination and cooperation among public and private partners"*  
Umatilla County 2014 NHMP



Recent flood disasters in Umatilla County highlight the critical need for improving community resiliency to these types of events and maintaining disaster-related funding.

### Umatilla County Natural Hazards

Winter Storms • Summer Storms • Earthquakes  
Droughts • Floods • Volcanic Events  
Landslides • Wildfire



### Why engage in natural hazard mitigation planning?

- **to avoid disasters** by reducing or eliminating long-term risk to people, property, and the environment from natural hazards
- **to increase safety and resilience** by integrating hazard mitigation into local plans, programs and policies
- **to maintain eligibility** for disaster-related funding

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