# Media Release

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**RE:** Elmore County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

### *Elmore County and Cities Begin Updating Hazard Risk Plan*

Mountain Home, IDAHO – Elmore County recently began the process of updating its Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan examines the risks posed by the natural hazards that affect Elmore County and develops strategies to reduce the impacts from those hazards.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires counties to update their plan every five years to remain eligible for federal funding for hazard mitigation projects. The cities of Mountain Home and Glenns Ferry are currently recognized as adopting jurisdictions in the plan and will adopt the 2019 plan update. The community of Oasis also intends to adopt the plan this year.

This project is funded through a grant from FEMA and the initial “kickoff meeting” was held February 28, in Mountain Home. A planning team will work with Elmore County Emergency Management throughout the update process. The team consists of representatives from local agencies, organizations, governments, and groups. Northwest Management, Inc. has been retained by Elmore County to provide risk assessments, hazard mapping, field inspections, interviews, and to collaborate with the planning team to update the plan.

Community input will also play a key role in the 2019 plan update. Public meetings, reviews of the plan, and a public comment period will be announced in the future. The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update is projected to be completed by December, 2019.

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