

**Madison County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Meeting Notes
August 20, 2009, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Virginia City, Montana**

Attendees:

- Shawn Christensen Madison Valley Rural Fire District
- Janet Fortner Madison County 911 Communications
 Madison County Incident Management Team
- Toni James Training Officer and Board Member, Virginia City Rural Fire Department
- Theodore Liss Trustee, Madison Valley Rural Fire District
- Scott McClintic Madison Valley Rural Fire District
- Christopher Mumme Director, Madison County Emergency Management
- Steve Orr Madison Valley Rural Fire District
 Virginia City Rural Fire District
 Madison County Sheriff's Office
 Madison County Search and Rescue
 Madison County Incident Management Team
- Wayne Redfield Madison County Citizen Corps Council
 Madison County Community Emergency Response Team
- David Schenk Madison County Sheriff
 Madison County Coroner
 Madison County Fire Warden
 Madison County Search and Rescue
- Pam Shrauger Consultant, Big Sky Hazard Management LLC
- Jill Steeley Madison County Public Health
 Madison County Community Emergency Response Team
 Madison County Incident Management Team
- Leona Stredwick Planning Technician, Madison County Planning Department
- Melinda Tichenor Madison Valley Medical Center
 Madison County Community Emergency Response Team
 Madison County Citizen Corps Council
- Mick Welton Madison County Community Emergency Response Team

Plan Review:

Hard copies of the draft plan are available in each of the town offices, the County Commissioners' office, and the County Emergency Management office. The plan is also online at <http://www.bigskyhazards.com/draftplans.asp> and sections can be read, downloaded, or printed. The comments deadline is September 15, 2009. Comments can be sent to: Pam Shrauger, pam@bigskyhazards.com, 406-581-4512, 4855 S. 3rd Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Plan Highlights:

A hazard mitigation plan is a federal requirement, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for each incorporated jurisdiction. Without an adopted and approved plan, the jurisdiction is not eligible to receive certain types of federal disaster mitigation assistance following a disaster. As additional incentive, each jurisdiction with an adopted and approved plan is eligible to apply for nationally competitive pre-disaster mitigation funds (talk to Christopher Mumme, Madison County Emergency Management, if you are interested in applying for a grant).

The Madison County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan/Program consists of five major components:

1. Planning Process
2. Assets and Community Inventory

3. Risk Assessment
4. Mitigation Strategy
5. Plan Implementation/Maintenance

Risk Assessment Overview Comments/Discussion Items:

- Several county-owned critical facilities have moved/changed and need to be updated.
- The hospital now has a negative pressure room (page 4.1-2).

Mitigation Strategy Overview Comments/Discussion Items:

- Public education is regularly conducted through the county website and the weekly FireLine section in The Madisonian.

Next Steps:

Following the public comment period, any comments received (including those received at this meeting) will be incorporated into the plan where applicable. Each jurisdiction will receive a mailing with any pages that were changed or added and a DVD containing electronic versions of the plan and other useful tools and information. The final plan will be sent to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services and then the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval. During this time frame, the jurisdictions will be asked to adopt the plan by resolution (a sample resolution will be included on the DVD). The jurisdictions are encouraged to apply for grants and to implement or continue many of the activities listed in the plan. Annually, each jurisdiction should create a record of any disasters or mitigation activities occurring over the past year. These records should be sent to Christopher Mumme, Madison County Emergency Management. Every five years, the plan needs to be updated and resubmitted for approval.