

**Madison County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Meeting Notes  
September 8, 2009, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Sheridan, Montana**

*Attendees:*

- Dean Derryberry      Mayor, Town of Sheridan
- Christopher Mumme    Director, Madison County Emergency Management
- Pam Shrauger          Consultant, Big Sky Hazard Management LLC
- Ted Woirhaye          Chief, Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department
- Jane Yecny             Ruby Valley Ambulance Service  
                                 Madison County Search and Rescue, Ruby Unit  
                                 Madison County Community Emergency Response Team  
                                 American Red Cross
- Todd Young            Sheridan Town Council  
                                 Chaplain and Captain, Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department  
                                 Priest, Christ Episcopal Church

*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](mailto:pam@bigskyhazards.com), 406-581-4512, 4855 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:*

- Consider moving flood from a high hazard to a moderate hazard for Sheridan (the town sits up on a bench).
- Consider moving wildfire to a higher priority since wildfire could seriously threaten the town given the right conditions.
- Add isolation in the transportation accident. Evacuation from a wildfire or hazardous material release could become very difficult to impossible if a transportation accident blocked the evacuation route.
- No new development has occurred in Sheridan since 2006 due to required upgrades to the town sewer system. Once this occurs, annexation and new development will be possible.

*Mitigation Strategy Overview Comments/Discussion Items:*

- None.

*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.