

**Madison County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Meeting Notes
September 8, 2009, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Twin Bridges, Montana**

Attendees:

- Clyde Carroll Citizen
- Pat Carroll Citizen
- Verta Anne Dorseth Twin Bridges Town Council
- Cathy Grose Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Twin Bridges
- Patricia Hayes Twin Bridges Town Council
- Thomas O. Hyndman Mayor, Town of Twin Bridges
- David Smith Twin Bridges Town Council
- Pam Shrauger Consultant, Big Sky Hazard Management LLC
- Eligible Name Grant Writer/Administrator

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:

- Consider moving Hazardous Material Release to a high hazard and Transportation Accident to a moderate hazard due to the high volume of semi-truck traffic, a key highway intersection, and the use as an interstate cut-off.

Mitigation Strategy Overview Comments/Discussion Items:

- Change the jurisdiction of the "Growth Policy" project to "All".

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.