

Douglas County

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE



Meeting Agenda

March 11, 2026



Introductions (5 minutes)



Deliverables (15 minutes)



Community Outreach (30 minutes)



Plan Audit Preview (15 minutes)



Coming Up (20 minutes)

Deliverable: Work Plan and schedule

- Project Background and Framework
- Work Program
- Tasks
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Project Coordination
- Decision Making Process
- Expectations and Keys to Success
- Risk Management

Project Schedule

Task	Deliverables	Duration/Due Date
Develop Work Plan	Work Plan	January-February
Develop Public Participation Plan	Public Participation Plan	January-February
Review existing plan – conduct a data audit and review plan priorities	Draft and final Audit and Hazard Mitigation Plan Priorities Memorandum	February-April
Complete Vulnerability Assessment	Draft and final Vulnerability Assessment	March-May
Draft Hazard Mitigation plan and workbook	Commerce Workbook Draft and final HMP	May-July
Draft Comprehensive Plan goals and policies	Draft and final Goals and Policies HMP subsection	July-August
Public Engagement Summary	Memorandum and summary	August-September

Deliverable: Public Participation Plan

- How Douglas County and participating jurisdictions will inform and involve the public and stakeholders throughout the HMP update process
- Defines engagement objectives, key audiences (including underserved and high-risk populations), outreach tools and accessibility measures, roles and responsibilities, and methods for documenting input and showing how it shaped the final plan and mitigation action strategy.
- The public engagement process will follow a timeline that generally aligns with major planning milestones for both the HMP update and the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

HMP Public Webpage and Press Release

Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Plan

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning

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2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Planning With Our Communities to Reduce Future Risk

The Douglas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is our blueprint for reducing long-term risk from natural hazards. The HMP guides projects that protect people, homes, infrastructure, and our economy—before disasters happen.

We're updating the plan to reflect new data and community priorities and to remain eligible for FEMA mitigation grants. Your experience and ideas will shape the projects we pursue next.

Participants include Douglas County, the cities of East Wenatchee, Bridgeport, Rock Island, Waterville, Mansfield, and Coulee Dam as well as participating special-purpose districts and partner agencies.

Quick facts:

- Updated at least every 5 years, last updated in 2020
- Supports funding for risk-reduction projects
- Covers Douglas County and partner cities and districts
- Your input directly informs priorities

What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

An HMP identifies our hazards, assesses who and what is most vulnerable, and lists actions to reduce future damage. It coordinates efforts across Douglas County; the cities of East Wenatchee,



Public Participation Timeline

Late Winter 2026	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Fall 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="160 508 657 722">• Initiate process with County Commissioners and Planning Commission<li data-bbox="160 779 588 936">• Countywide press release and website launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="721 508 1217 608">• City workshops (locally hosted events)<li data-bbox="721 665 1200 765">• Informational webinar (virtual event)<li data-bbox="721 822 1029 865">• Event tabling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1294 508 1595 551">• Event tabling<li data-bbox="1294 608 1735 708">• Open house with Comprehensive Plan<li data-bbox="1294 765 1793 808">• Public comment period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1854 508 2354 551">• Public comment review<li data-bbox="1854 594 2339 694">• Second informational webinar (virtual event)<li data-bbox="1854 751 2354 965">• Final briefing with County Commissioners and Planning Commission



For Discussion

Communication Channels

Most effective channels in your community

Public Engagement Opportunities

Upcoming events or forums that could include the HMP

Support for hosting local focus groups – March/April

Scheduling Focus Groups

East Wenatchee + Rock Island

Bridgeport and Mansfield (same day)

Waterville

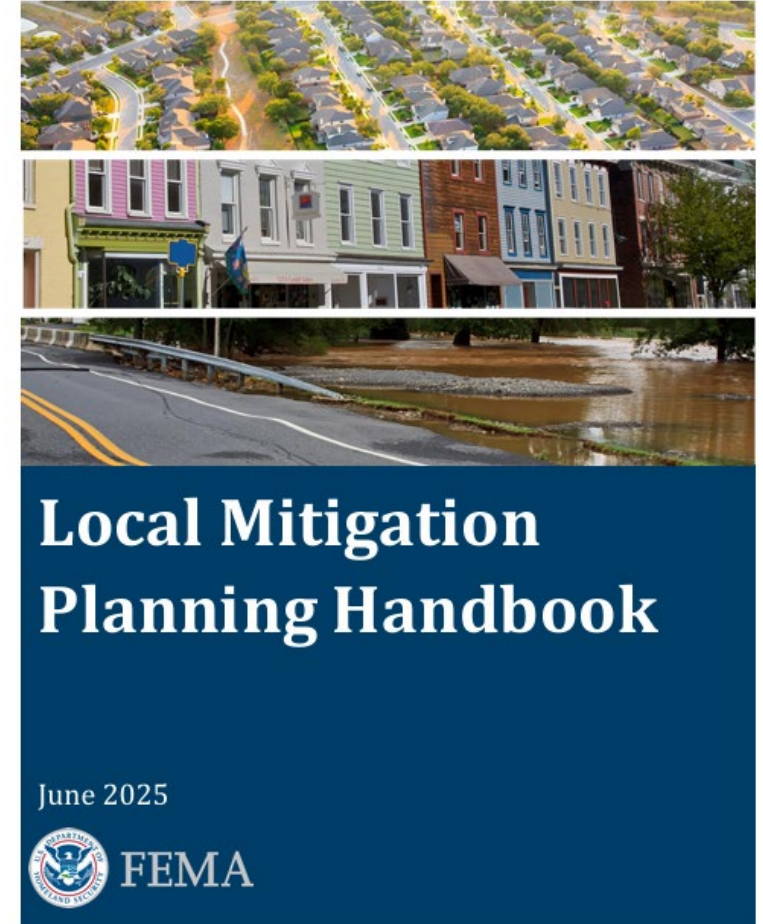
Coulee Dam

Plan Audit Preview

FEMA guidelines for conducting a risk assessment (Section 4.2 of the Local Mitigation Planning Handbook)

1. Identify Hazards
2. Describe Hazards
3. Identify Community Assets
4. Analyze Impacts
5. Summarize Vulnerability

The Community Profiles Section of the HMP aims to comply with the above FEMA guidance and should contain an inventory of each community's individual valuable assets to reflect the current conditions within Douglas County.



Chapter Outline

Physical Setting

Describes the environmental baseline of Douglas County that influences hazard vulnerability. This includes the County's geographic location, regional topography, climate patterns, hydrology, and major land formations. This section will summarize key physical features of the region in three sub-sections: Geology, Watersheds, and Climate

Community Profiles

Provides an overview of the jurisdictions and communities within Douglas County that are included in this HMP. This includes population demographics (such as ethnic makeup, age distribution, and economic metrics) and identified assets (such as critical facilities, land use zoning, structural inventory)

Historical and Cultural Resources

Provides an overview of historic, archaeological, and culturally significant resources located within Douglas County. This section will summarize known historic properties, districts, and landmarks, as well as Tribal reserved rights and other cultural resources that contribute to the County's heritage.

Chapter Outline

Natural Resources

Describes ecological resources present within Douglas County and identify priority habitats (including shrub-steppe and wetlands) that are sensitive to hazards. This section will summarize the major habitats within the County, discuss the presence of keystone species and ecological features that contribute to regional biodiversity, and identify relevant conservation agencies such as the Foster Creek Conservation District.

Fire Protection Districts

Provides an overview of the fire protection services within Douglas County. This section will identify the fire protection districts and departments that serve communities and describe their general service area and emergency response capabilities.

Douglas County PUD

Provides an overview of the role of Douglas County PUD in supplying electrical power and supporting critical infrastructure throughout the county. It will summarize the PUD's primary services as well as the major facilities that support these operations.



Data Gaps – Community Profiles

Primary data gaps:

- Aerial maps of each jurisdiction and identified assets
- Population demographics, future development trends, and average annual climate data
- Register of places of historical and cultural significance
- Inventory of school districts for each jurisdiction

Section	Data Gap/Updates
Physical Setting: Watersheds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerial map of WRIAs in relation to the jurisdictions identified in the Community Profiles
Physical Setting: Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table of annual average Douglas County climate data (annual average daily high temperatures, low temperatures, total precipitation, and snowfall) • Figures for monthly average temperatures and precipitation
Community Profiles	<p>For each jurisdiction, the following updates will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table describing population change with latest census data • Age distribution, housing type, ethnicity, and social vulnerability demographics • Table describing structural inventory and total class value • Table describing construction age of mid-century, late-century, and modern architecture • Table describing the total number of critical facilities, type, and owner (private or public) • Aerial map of municipal borders, transportation corridors, and structures • School District location, structural, and demographic summaries • Future development and zoning predictions consistent with the 2026 Comprehensive Plan update and Land Capacity Analysis • Table and figure for industry, businesses, and institutional makeup of jurisdiction • Figure for employment trends, occupations, and unemployment rates
Historical and Cultural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table describing registered historic places with state, Tribal, or federal recognition
Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countywide aerial map of WDFW priority habitats
Fire Protection Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countywide aerial map of fire protection districts
Douglas County PUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countywide aerial map of PUD infrastructure

For Discussion

The questions provided in the pre-meeting questionnaire will inform the development of the Community Profiles section and allow for compliance with FEMA regulations.

Top Hazards in Your City

Which areas, neighborhoods, or facilities are most vulnerable?

- Have recent events changed your risk profile?

Vulnerable & Underserved Populations

- Where are concentrations of elderly, low-income, disabled, or non-English-speaking residents?
- Are there seasonal or transient populations?
- What language or accessibility accommodations are needed?

Coming Up



Homework: Steering Committee Commitments

- Learn about the HMP
- Review materials
- Input on public engagement
- Share information
- Assign a substitute
- Assist with plan adoption

Next meeting

- In person