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## LEWIS COUNTY TO UPDATE HAZARD RISK PLAN

Lewis County has launched a project to update the Lewis County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Local agencies and organizations in Lewis County have created a committee to complete the required 5 year update of the document as part of the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation program.

The planning update will include risk analyses, vulnerability assessments, and mitigation recommendations for the hazards of flood, landslide, severe weather, wildland fire, earthquake and terrorism/civil unrest.

Public involvement throughout the plan update is important in making Lewis County's hazard mitigation plan stronger and more local. All citizens are invited to participate. We are nearing completion of the plan update and we are requesting additional community input as we finalize the plan.

The planning team will be attending City Council meetings in January to discuss the preliminary findings and to seek public input on the Plan's recommendations. The meeting dates are as follows at the respective City Halls: Craigmont January 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm; Reubens January 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm; Winchester January 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm; Nezperce January 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm and Kamiah January 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm.

The planning team is also holding a meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at the Kamiah EMS building.

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