

A planning team comprised of representatives from Pinal County and the incorporated jurisdictions within the county has reviewed and updated existing multi-hazard mitigation plans for each jurisdiction and consolidated them into one multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan. A final draft of the 2010 Pinal County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (PLAN) is now available for review and comment.

The planning effort was conducted in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), which requires all local, county, tribal and state governments to have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for federal disaster mitigation funds. The (PLAN) focuses on the area's most threatening hazards and provides strategy to reduce or eliminate the risk from those hazards to people, property and the built environment of Pinal County. Mitigation is not a response to emergencies like floods and wildfires, but rather is a jurisdiction's strategy for preventing or significantly reducing the impact of such hazards prior to their occurrence. The mitigation planning process involves identifying and profiling the natural hazards most likely to occur in a community, assessing the vulnerability of critical community facilities and structures, as well as population, to these hazards, and establishing goals, actions, and projects that mitigate the associated risks.

Public input on the final draft of the PLAN is important and residents are encouraged to review the PLAN and offer comments. For more information or questions, please visit the Pinal County Multi-Jurisdictional Plan website at:

<http://pinalcountyz.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/EmergencyManagement/Pages/HazardMitigationPlanning.aspx>

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