Lincoln County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning

MEDIA RELEASE

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TO: Local Media Partners, Community Cooperators and Members of the Public
FROM: Director Onno Husing, Lincoln County Planning and Development
SUBJECT: Media Release for Lincoln County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment

For Immediate Release

Lincoln County seeks additional public input on update to Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

(Newport, OR) – Lincoln County is currently in the process of updating their existing Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). This work is being performed in cooperation with the University of Oregon’s Institute for Policy Research and Engagement - Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience and the Oregon Military Department’s Office of Emergency Management utilizing funds obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. With re-adoption of the plan, Lincoln County will maintain its eligibility to apply for federal funding towards natural hazard mitigation projects. This local planning process includes a wide range of representatives from city and county government, emergency management personnel, and outreach to members of the public in the form of an electronic survey. This NHMP also affects the cities of Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport, Yachats, Central Lincoln PUD, Lincoln County School District, and Seal Rock Water District.

A natural hazard mitigation plan provides communities with a set of goals, action items, and resources designed to reduce risk from future natural disaster events. Engaging in mitigation activities provides jurisdictions with a number of benefits, including reduced loss of life, property, essential services, critical facilities, and economic hardship; reduced short-term and long-term recovery and reconstruction costs; increased cooperation and communication within the community through the planning process; and increased potential for state and federal funding for recovery and reconstruction projects.

An electronic version of the updated draft Lincoln County MNHMP will be available for formal public comment beginning September 21, 2020. To view the draft please visit: https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning_amp_development/page/6102/lincoln_co_nhmp_-_volume_i_review_draft.pdf

Members of the public can provide feedback via digital feedback form, contacting the Planning and Development Department, County Emergency Management or Michael Howard, Director for the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience at: mrhoward@uoregon.edu.

Electronic Survey: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/786b9ed173414ccb8645c790fa9315d4

County Website Overview and Survey: https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/planning/page/community-input-needed-natural-hazards-mitigation-plan-renewal