

BLAINE COUNTY 2012 MITIGATION STRATEGY										
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Goal 1 - Reduce Impacts from Wildfire										
Objective 1.1 - Enhance Emergency Services to Mitigate Impacts from Wildfire										
	1.1.1	Develop GPS database of water sources in County to enhance firefighting efforts.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County DES/Fire Departments	Short-term	County
	1.1.2	With cooperators, provide classroom or video fire suppression training for rural area citizens and County employees who will respond to wildland fires.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council	Ongoing	Fire Service Training School
	1.1.3	Obtain GPS units and provide training for fire departments		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Depts.	Ongoing	Cities, County
	1.1.4	Recruit and train volunteer fire fighters		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council	Ongoing	Cities, County
Objective 1.2 - Enhance Opportunities to Protect Property from Wildfire										
	1.2.1	Encourage fuel reduction measures along highways and county roads, around perimeter and within communities by cutting or mowing where feasible.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council	Ongoing	High
	1.2.2	Utilize and enforce Blaine County burning permits.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Sheriff's Dept.	Ongoing	Medium
	1.2.3	Coordinate with cooperators to employ fuel reduction treatments on CRP and other lands with high or undesirable fuels.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County Fire Depts.	Ongoing	High
Objective 1.3 - Provide Public Education and Awareness on Wildfire Mitigation										
	1.3.1	Promote Firewise practices and encourage creation of defensible space around communities and private homes.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council	Year 1 - 5	County
	1.3.2	Participate in the National Firewise Communities program.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County Fire Council	Year 1 - 5	Cities, County
	1.3.3	Publicize the fire seasons		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Commissioners	Ongoing	County
Objective 1.4 - Implement Actions to Prevent Impacts from Wildfires										
	1.4.1	Consider updating subdivision regulations to include defensible space requirement to protect future development.		County	Medium			County Planning Board	Year 1 - 5	County
Goal 2 - Reduce Impacts from Hazardous Material Incidents										
Objective 2.1 - Enhance Emergency Services to Mitigate Impacts from Hazardous Material Incidents										
	2.1.1	Continue providing awareness and safety training to emergency responders.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council, EMS Council, DES	Ongoing	DES (EMPG)
	2.1.2	Obtain and update SCBA units for city and rural fire departments.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			City and Rural Fire Depts.	Ongoing	City and County fire budgets
Objective 2.2 - Provide Public Education and Awareness to Mitigate Hazardous Material Incidents										
	2.2.1	Increase participation in LEPC to enhance public's awareness of hazardous material risk in the County.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County DES, LEPC	Ongoing	County
Goal 3 - Reduce Impacts from Transportation Accidents										
Objective 3.1 - Enhance Emergency Services to Mitigate Impacts from Transportation Accidents										
	3.1.1	Refine warning system protocol for train derailments involving hazardous materials.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County DES, LEPC	Year 1 - 5	County

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	Objective 3.2 - Implement Structural Projects to Reduce Impact of Transportation Accidents								
	3.2.1 - Coordinate with MDT, County, and BNSF regarding approach heights between railroad and highway.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			LEPC, Co. Road Dept.	Long-term	County
	3.2.2 - Coordinate with MDT, County, and BNSF regarding increasing distance between highway and railroad at select locations.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			LEPC, Co. Road Dept.	Long-term	County
	3.2.3 - Support expansion of Highway 2 to four lanes to accommodate traffic and future development.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Commissioners, County Road Dept.	Ongoing	County
	Goal 4 - Reduce Impacts from Flooding								
	Objective 4.1 - Protect Property from Flooding								
	4.1.1 - Consider mitigation options for homes repeatedly flooded in Harlem.		Harlem	High			City of Harlem	Short-term	City of Harlem
	4.1.2 - Consider mitigation options for homes repeatedly flooded on the north side of Chinook.		Chinook	Medium			City of Chinook	Year 1 - 5	City of Chinook
	4.1.3 - Install culverts on sections of road impacted by flooding.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Road Dept.	Ongoing	County, FEMA grants
	4.1.4 - Obtain river gauges where needed.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County DES, LEPC	Short-term	County
	4.1.5 - Promote that debris be removed from floodways along the Milk River.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Floodplain Administrator, DES, LEPC	Year 1 - 5	County
	Objective 4.2 - Implement Actions to Prevent Impacts from								
	4.2.1 - Update flood regulations with new DFIRM to protect future development.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County Floodplain Administrator, Co. Planning Board	Year 1 - 5	County
	4.2.2 - Look at ways to fund recertification of Chinook levee.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			Co. Commissioners, Co. Floodplain Administrator	Year 1 - 5	County
	Objective 4.3 - Provide Public Education and Awareness on								
	4.3.1 - Educate homeowners on purchasing flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			Co. Floodplain Administrator, DES	Ongoing	County, FEMA
	4.3.2 - Participate in the National Weather Service's Flood Awareness Week.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County DES	Year 1 - 5	County, NWS
	4.3.3 - Provide awareness training to property owners on mitigation programs to relocate, elevate, and floodproof structures in the floodplain.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			Co. Floodplain Administrator, DES	Year 1 - 5	County, FEMA
	4.3.4 - Provide bulletins as needed that livestock grazing and farm equipment in floodplains should include a high spot where animals/equipment can be evacuated to.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			Co. Floodplain Administrator, DES	Year 1 - 5	County
	4.3.5 - Explore possibility of joining the CRS Program.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			Co. Commissioners, Floodplain Administrator	Year 1 - 5	County
	Goal 5 - Reduce Impacts from Dam Failure								
	Objective 5.1 - Provide Public Education and Awareness on Dam Failure								
	5.1.1 - Conduct public outreach / education with residents living in inundation areas.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			BLM, BuRec	Ongoing	BLM, BuRec
	5.1.2 - Encourage BLM to do Emergency Action Plan for BR-12.		County, Harlem	Medium			Co. Commissioners, DES, LEPC	Short-term	County
	Objective 5.2 - Implement Structural Projects to Reduce Impacts								
	5.2.1 - Promote and support rapid restructuring of BLM's BR-12 .		County, Harlem	High			Co. Commissioners, DES, LEPC	Short-term	County
	Goal 6 - Reduce Impacts from Severe Winter Weather								
	Objective 6.1 - Enhance Emergency Service Capabilities to Respond to Severe Winter Weather								
	6.1.1 - Promote enhanced weather monitoring to attain earlier severe winter storm warnings.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County DES	Ongoing	County, NWS
	Objective 6.2 - Provide Public Education and Awareness on Severe Winter Weather								

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		6.2.1 - Conduct public outreach campaign where special needs residents would provide information on where they live and what they need. Develop a database with this information.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County DES, Public Health, Dispatch Center	Year 1 – 5	County
		6.2.2 - Promote the National Weather Service's Winter Weather Awareness Week.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County DES	Year 1 – 5	County, NWS
		6.2.3 - Continue participating in StormReady Community program.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County DES, LEPC	Ongoing	County, NWS
Goal 7 - Reduce Impacts from Severe Summer Weather and										
Objective 7.1 - Provide Public Education and Awareness on Severe Summer Weather and Drought										
		7.1.1 - Promote the National Weather Service's Severe Weather Awareness Week.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County DES	Year 1 – 5	County, NWS
		7.1.2 - Promote National Weather Service's severe weather spotter training program.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County DES	Ongoing	County, NWS
		7.1.3 - Support drought programs implemented through the Conservation District, FSA, and MSU extension.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			Co. Commissioners, DES	Year 1 – 5	County
Goal 8 - Reduce Impacts from Structure Fire										
Objective 8.1 - Enhance Emergency Services to Mitigation Impacts from Structure Fire										
		8.1.1 - Continue support of St. Mary's water pipeline that supplies Milk River.		Chinook, Harlem	High			Co. Commissioners	Ongoing	County
		8.1.2 - Recruit and train volunteer fire fighters.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council	Ongoing	Cities, County, FEMA Fire Grants, Fire Service Training School, DNRC
		8.1.3 - Update equipment needed for suppressing structure fires.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Depts.	Ongoing	Cities, County
Objective 8.2 - Provide Public Education and Awareness on Structure Fire Mitigation										
		8.2.1 - Promote public education on the benefit of smoke detectors.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council	Ongoing	Cities, County
		8.2.2 - Support volunteer fire department fire prevention activities.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Fire Council	Ongoing	Cities, County
Goal 9 - Reduce Impacts Associated with All Hazards										
Objective 9.1 - Enhance Emergency Services to Mitigate Impacts from All Hazards										
		9.1.1 - Obtain or update sirens in all communities.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			LEPC	Year 1 – 5	Cities, County, Grants
		9.1.2 - Identify emergency shelters in each community.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			Co. Public Health, DES, LEPC	Ongoing	County, Red Cross
		9.1.3 - Obtain mobile generator(s) to use as emergency back-up power to critical facilities, as needed.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			LEPC	Ongoing	Cities, County, School Districts, Others
		9.1.4 - Rewire critical facilities and emergency shelters to accommodate mobile generators and provide training to community partners.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			LEPC, Recipient of Generator	Short-term	Cities, County, School Districts, Others
		9.1.5 - Obtain connecting hardware and trailer associated with mobile emergency generators.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			LEPC, Recipient of Generator	Short-term	Cities, County, School Districts, Others
		9.1.6 - Encourage emergency responders and community partners to attend Incident Command System (ICS) 100/200 and/or IS 700 or State of Montana DES training.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			County DES, LEPC	Ongoing	Fire Safety Training School, Montana DES

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	9.1.7 - Assist Montana DES in developing Type III Incident Management Team table of organization utilizing expertise within the county and adjacent counties within the MT State DES Region.		County	Medium			County DES, LEPC	Ongoing	Fire Safety Training School, Montana DES
	9.1.7 - Continue dialog on constructing dam on Thirtymile Creek to ensure north/south access is maintained in northern portion of County for evacuation purposes.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			LEPC	Long-term	County
	9.1.8 - Coordinate radio/repeater sites to enhance communication system.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			Co. Commissioners, Sheriff's Office, LEPC	Year 1 - 5	County
	Objective 9.2 - Provide Public Education and Awareness on All								
	9.2.1 - Launch public awareness campaign so residents understand what hazards are present.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			LEPC	Ongoing	County
	9.2.2 - Encourage preparation of Family Emergency Plans.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			LEPC	Ongoing	County, State
	9.2.3 - Encourage cross training between governments (federal, state, county, local, tribal) and community partners (churches, schools, parents).		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			County Commissioners	Year 1 - 5	Various governments & community partners;
	9.2.4 - Create and maintain a website for County DES.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			DES	Short-term	County
	9.2.5 - Consider integrating social media into emergency management.		County, Chinook, Harlem	Medium			DES	Year 1 - 5	County
	9.2.6 - Encourage emergency preparedness training throughout the community to establish roles and responsibilities during emergencies and promote personal accountability.		County, Chinook, Harlem	High			DES	Year 1 - 5	County
	Objective 9.3 - Implement Actions to Prevent Impacts from All								
	9.3.1 - Consider developing county zoning ordinance which considers impact of energy/alternative energy industry on potential growth.		County	High			Co. Commissioners, Planning Board	Short-term	County