Communities are stronger when they recognize the risks from natural hazards and make efforts to prepare for them and to reduce potential damage.

Malheur County’s existing Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) was updated in May 2014. NHMPs must be updated every five years.

Now, Malheur County is collaborating with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to update the NHMP again. The updated NHMP will continue the County’s eligibility for disaster related funding.

“To create a disaster-resilient Malheur County by building partnerships, reducing risk, preventing loss, and protecting life, property, and the environment from future natural hazard events.”

Malheur County 2014 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

A Steering Committee, chaired by the Emergency Manager, is working with DLCD staff to update the NHMP. The NHMP is targeted for completion by August 2019.

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Emergency preparedness and hazard mitigation planning involve preparing the individual and the community for hazards that may impact them.

Why engage in natural hazard mitigation planning?

- **To avoid disasters** by reducing or eliminating long-term risk to people, property, and the environment from natural hazards.
- **To maintain eligibility** for disaster related funding.
- **To increase safety and resiliency** by integrating hazard mitigation into the plans, programs, and policies.

### Malheur County’s Natural Hazards

- Winter Storms
- Wind Storms
- Earthquakes
- Droughts
- Floods
- Volcanic Events
- Wildfire
- Landslides
- Extreme Temperature
- Dust Storm
- Severe Weather – includes flash flood rain events

### Participation

This is a multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) involving Malheur County, the City of Ontario, the City of Nyssa, the City of Vale, the BLM and others. Representatives from these jurisdictions and other organizations are actively participating in this NHMP update process.

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