



FEMA

December 15, 2006

Honorable Terry Tallman, Chair
Honorable John Wenzholz
Honorable Ray Grace
Morrow County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 788
Heppner, Oregon 97836

Dear Commissioners Tallman, Wenzholz, and Grace:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the Morrow County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as a multi-jurisdictional local plan as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201. With approval of this plan, the following entities are now eligible to apply for the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act's hazard mitigation project grants through December 15, 2011:

Morrow County
City of Boardman
City of Heppner

City of Ione
City of Irrigon
City of Lexington

The plan's approval provides eligibility to apply for hazard mitigation projects through your state. Grant applications will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular hazard mitigation grant program. For example, a mitigation project identified in the approved plan may or may not meet the eligibility requirements for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding.

Over the next five years, we encourage your communities to follow the plan's schedule for monitoring and updating the plan, and develop further mitigation actions. The plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted for approval within five years in order to continue project grant eligibility.

If you have questions regarding your plan's approval or FEMA's mitigation grant programs, please contact our state counterpart, Oregon Emergency Management, who coordinates and administers these efforts for local entities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl L. Cook, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carl L. Cook, Jr., Director
Mitigation Division

cc: Dennis Sigrist, OEM

Enclosure