

Appendix E

Existing Plans, Policies, and Programs in Morrow County

The following appendix summarizes the existing plans, policies and programs in Morrow County. The first section covers plans and policies on the books for the County and the second section covers social service providers.

Existing Plans and Policies

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that communities identify a process where the requirements of the mitigation plan get incorporated into other planning mechanisms. The purpose of this appendix is to document those existing plans and policies in an effort to assist the community in identifying potential means to better integrate mitigation into the day-to-day decisions of local governments.

Communities often have existing plans and policies that guide and influence land use, land development, and population growth. Such existing plans and policies can include comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, and technical reports or studies. Plans and policies already in existence have support from local residents, businesses, and policy makers. Many land-use, comprehensive, and strategic plans get updated regularly, and can adapt easily to changing conditions and needs.¹

The Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan includes a range of recommended action items that, when implemented, will reduce the county's vulnerability to natural hazards. Many of these recommendations are consistent with the goals and objectives of the county's existing plans and policies. Linking existing plans and policies to the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan helps identify what resources already exist that can be used to implement the action items identified in the Plan.

Implementing the natural hazards mitigation plan's action items through existing plans and policies increases their likelihood of being supported and getting updated to remain current, and maximizes the county's resources.

Below is a table of the plans and policies that currently exist in Morrow County. For each plan or policy, the table provides information on its author, its purpose, and how it relates to natural hazard mitigation. The information provided in the table can also be used to complete action item worksheets by identifying rationale and potential ideas for implementation.

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Name	Date of Last Revision	Author/Owner	Description	Relation to Natural Hazard Mitigation
Morrow County Planning Zoning Ordinance	1-Nov-01	Morrow County Planning Department	This ordinance outlines how land within Morrow County is zoned and regulated promoting public health, safety, and welfare.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county codes influences where and what type of development are allowable. • Development Ordinances can be used to keep development out of known hazard areas.
Morrow County Planning Department Subdivision Ordinance	2001	Morrow County Planning Department	The subdivision ordinance outlines the standards of subdivision, partitioning, and other land developments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides growth and development. • Can be linked to action items that shape growth and development so that they do not increase the county's risk to natural hazards. • Can be linked to action items that protect natural and historic areas and areas subject to natural hazards. • Can be linked to action items for how the County will implement Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 7 requirements.
Columbia River Heritage Trail Concept Plan	2000	Morrow County Planning Department	The concept plan describes the Columbia River Heritage Trail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nexus between trails plans and natural hazard mitigation plans is that the trails plan can be used to acquire and preserve flood-prone open space. Those trails and their preservation of open space would permanently remove any development options from the flood-prone area.

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Regional Economic Profile	2002	Oregon Department of Employment	Economic Profile of Region 12 (Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wheeler Counties)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The economic profile identifies projected population and economic growth, which in turn can help identify where people and the economy may be at risk to hazards. • The economic profile can be used as the rationale behind strategies or programs to protect local businesses from natural disasters.
Morrow County Comprehensive Plan		Morrow County Planning Department	The plan guides land use and development with policies specific to Morrow County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides land use within the county. • Goals of preserving resource and protecting life from hazards can be linked to action items that guide development to reduce the county's risk to natural hazards. • Can be linked to action items for how the County will implement Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 7 requirements.
Morrow County Telecommunications Plan	Jan-01	Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	The purpose of this plan is to summarize existing county telecommunications infrastructure and usage; to identify opportunities for improving telecommunications; and to recommend priorities for action in 2001 and forthcoming years.	In section "E" under government and emergency services, there is an action that talks about "unifying network infrastructure for County to eliminate redundant capacity, improve connectivity, and expand access to unused capacity" Restructuring the communication system may assist emergency services operators to better communicate with the public, and between departments
Morrow County Solid Waste Management Plan & Ordinance	Apr-06	Morrow County Planning Department	The plan regulates solid waste management outside of the cities with in the county.	Plan mentions how to go about dealing with and disposing of solid waste generated by disaster events

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Morrow County Transportation Systems Plan	Jul-05	Morrow County Planning Department	The plan describes the Morrow County transportation facilities, goals and policies, conditions and inventory. The TSP also discusses the standards in Morrow County for roadways, accesses, and land use development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation systems assist in evacuation and response in the event of a natural hazard. • Can be linked to action items aimed at making the county's transit system more disaster resistant to reduce potential damage and risk.

Existing Social Service Providers

Social systems can be defined as community organizations and programs that provide social and community-based services, such as health care or housing assistance, to the public. In planning for natural hazard mitigation, it is important to know what social systems exist within the community because of their existing connections to the public. . Often times, actions identified by the plan involve communicating with the public, or specific subgroups within the population (e.g. elderly, children, low income). The County can use existing social systems as resources for implementing such communication related activities because these service providers already work directly with the public and have already established a trusted method for communicating with these subgroups. On a daily basis social service providers work and communicate directly with the public on a number of issues, one of which could be natural hazard preparedness and mitigation.

The following is a brief explanation of how the communication process works and how the community's existing social service providers could be used to provide natural hazard related messages to their clients.

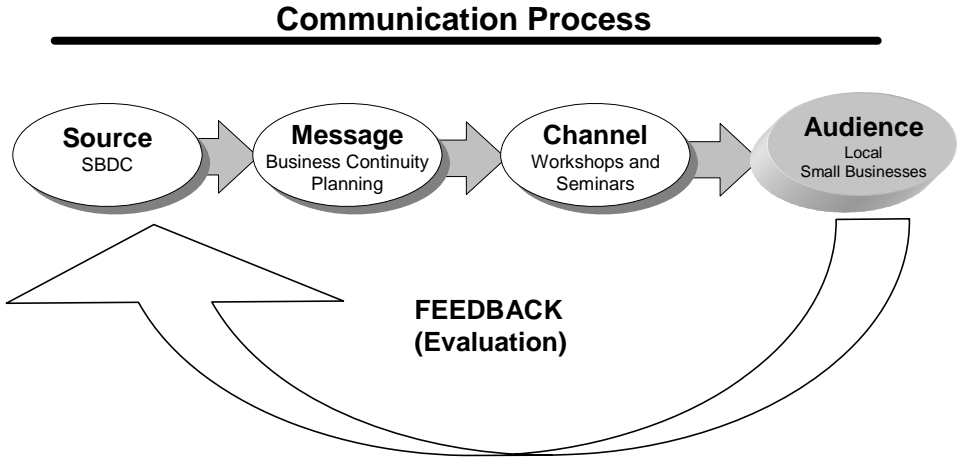
There are five essential elements for communicating effectively to a target audience:

- The **source** of the message must be credible,
- The **message** must be appropriately designed,
- The **channel** for communicating the message must be carefully selected,
- The **audience** must be clearly defined, and

The recommended action must be clearly stated and a **feedback** channel established for questions, comments and suggestions.

An example of an existing social system whose communication system can be linked to natural hazard mitigation is the Columbia Gorge Community College's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The SBDC (the source) provides local businesses (the audience) with information on business contingency planning (the message) through workshops and seminars (the channel). To target small businesses, (insert name) County can provide the SBDC with information on developing business continuity plans and strategies for recovering from a natural hazard. When local small businesses attend the SBDC's workshops and seminars they can pick up this natural hazard mitigation information. This example communication process is graphically presented in *Figure E.2*:

Figure E.2 Communication Process



Source: Adapted from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Radon Division’s outreach program

The following table provides a list of existing social systems within Morrow County. The table provides information on each organization or program’s service area, types of services offered, populations served, and how the organization or program could be involved in natural hazard mitigation. The three involvement methods identified in the table are defined below:

- Education and outreach – organization could partner with the community to educate the public or provide outreach assistance on natural hazard preparedness and mitigation.
- Information dissemination – organization could partner with the community to provide hazard related information to target audiences.
- Plan/project implementation – organization may have plans and/or policies that may be used to implement mitigation activities or the organization could serve as the coordinating or partner organization to implement mitigation actions.

The information provided in the table can also be used to complete action item worksheets by identifying potential coordinating agencies and internal and external partners.

¹ Burby, Raymond J., ed. 1998. *Cooperating with Nature: Confronting Natural Hazards with Land-Use Planning for Sustainable Communities*.

Morrow County
Social Service Providers

Name and Contact Information	Description	Service Area	Populations Served						Involvement with Natural Hazard Mitigation
			Businesses	Children	Disabled	Elders	Families	Low Income	
The Chemical Stockpile Reserve Emergency Preparedness Program 4700 NW Pioneer Place Pendleton, Oregon, 97801 Tel: 877-367-2737 Fax: 541-966-3700 Website: http://www.csepp.net/	The emergency preparedness program is created to protect the lives of public from chemical warfare at US Army installations. The program is also the emergency management team for other hazards including: earthquakes, fires, floods, and severe winter weather.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Arc of Umatilla County 215 W. Orchard Ave, Hermiston, Oregon, 97838 Tel: 541-567-7615 Email: arcuma@eoni.com	Provide educational and recreational services to children and adults with developmental disabilities.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties		✓	✓			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Boardman Chamber of Commerce 206 N. Main Boardman, OR 97818 Tel: 541-481-3014 Website: www.visitboardman.com	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Morrow County	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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CAP of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) 721 SE 3rd St, Suite D Pendleton, Oregon, 97801 Tel: 541-276-1926 Fax: 541-276-7541 Website: www.capeco-works.org	A community organization that helps individuals, businesses, and communities in human and financial services. The organization focuses on: workforce development, senior services, housing projects, and emergency assistance.	Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Family Talk Show / Umatilla County Commission 1410 SW Morrison Street, Portland, Oregon 97205 Tel: 503-222-7102 Fax: 503-222-6975 Website: http://www.ctfo.org/	The organization provides a radio program displaying a panel of expertise to give families of rural Eastern Oregon daily life tips. Their website provides useful tips and information for families.	Rural Eastern Oregon Counties	✓				✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Department of Human Services Morrow/Wheeler County / Mental Health Program Tel: 541-481-2911	Provide self-sufficiency, medical, mental health, services and assistance for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.	Morrow and Wheeler Counties		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Domestic Violence Services PO Box 173 Pendleton, Oregon 97801 Tel: 541-276-3322	Provides domestic violence services.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties		✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage P.O Box 329 (1216 C Street) Hood River, OR 97031 Tel: 541-387-3600 Fax 541-387-2999 Website: www.eossb.org	Provides support for individuals with disabilities.	Umatilla, Morrow, Wallowa, Malheur, Union, Baker, and Harney Grant Counties		✓	✓			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Extension Service, OSU Morrow County Office 54173 Highway 74 Heppner, OR 97836 Tel: 541-676-9642 Fax 541-387-2999 Website: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/	Provide economic development educational assistance to local agricultural businesses.	Morrow County	✓					✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation 610 NW 11th Hermiston, OR 97838 Tel: 541-667-3413 http://www.gshealth.org/foundation.htm	Enhances the quality of life and general health of residents	Umatilla and Morrow Counties		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Morrow County Grain Growers P.O. Box 367 Lexington, OR 97839 Tel: 541-989-8221 FAX: 541-989-8229 Website: http://www.mcgg.net	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corp PO Box 1041 Pendleton, OR 97801 Tel: 541-276-6745 Website: http://www.geodc.org/	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Harney and Malheur Counties	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Headstart of Umatilla-Morrow County 330 NE 10th Street Irrigon, OR 97844 Tel: 541-922-5549 Website:	Provide educational services to children with economic hardships.	Morrow County		✓			✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Heppner Chamber of Commerce PO Box 1232 Heppner, OR 97836 Tel: 541-676-5536 Website: www.heppnerchamber.com	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Morrow County	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Housing Authority of Umatilla PO Box 107 Hermiston, Oregon, 97838 Tel: 541-567-3241 Fax: 541-567-3246 Email: ucha@uci.net	Provides equal opportunity housing for low-income families and individuals.	Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, and Wheeler Counties					✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Ione School District 445 Spring Street Ione, Oregon, 97843 Tel: 541422-7131 Email: bryn.browning@ione.k12.or.us	The school district is the organizational body for Ione for children K-12.	Morrow County		✓	✓		✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
ICABO (Ione Community Agri-Business Organization) Chair: Loyal Burns - 541-422-7512 or 541-422-7305 at home Vice: Betty Gray - 422-7335	A chamber of commerce type organization that assists agricultural businesses with their business needs	Ione	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Irrigon Chamber of Commerce Laura Clark P.O. Box 678 Irrigon, OR 97844 541-564-0420 fax: 541-564-0396 Laura can also be reached at the Hermiston Plan Center at: plancenter@eoni.com	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Irrigon	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Irrigon - Boardman Emergency Assistance Center 290 Northeast Main Avenue Irrigon, Oregon, 97844 Tel: (541) 922-4563	Provides emergency assistance to the local population	Morrow County		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Legal Aid Services of Oregon - Pendleton PO Box 1327 Pendleton, Oregon, 97801 Tel: 541-276-6685 Fax: 541-276-4549	Provides legal information on domestic law, special education, housing, social security disability, and consumer issues and other topics.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Morrow - Wheeler Behavior Health PO Box 469 Heppner, OR, 97836 Tel: 541-676-9161 Fax: 541-5662	Provides mental health services and alcohol, drug and gambling addiction treatment services.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties				✓	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Morrow County Health Department Po Box 799 Heppner, OR, 97836 Tel: 541-676-5421 Fax: 541-676-5652 Website: www.publichealth.morrowcounty.org	Provides health services.	Morrow County		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Morrow County Health District PO Box 9 Heppner, OR, 97836 Tel: 541-676-9133421 FAX: 541-676-2901 Website:	Provides health services.	Morrow County		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Morrow County Juvenile Department PO Box 791 Heppner, OR 97836 Tel: 541-676-5642 Fax: 541-676-5317	Provides public by holding youth offenders accountable; providing services for reformation and rehabilitation	Morrow County		✓					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Morrow County School District 270 W. Main, PO Box 368, Lexington, Oregon, 97839, Tel: 541-989-8202 Fax: 541-989-8470 Website: http://www.morrow.k12.or.us/	The school district is the organizational body for nine schools in four communities for children K-12.	Morrow County		✓	✓			✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Morrow Development Corporation PO Box 200, Boardman, Oregon, 97818 Tel: 541-676-8719 Fax: 541-676-5989 Website: http://www.mdc.windwave.org	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Morrow County	✓							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Oregon Outreach - Morrow 4H Friday School Program Contact: Bill Broderick Email: bill.broderick@oregonstate.edu	The organization provides supplemental learning service to children in schools. Hired instructors work with Umatilla county instructors to develop a leadership conference targeted to Hispanic children.	Morrow County		✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination

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Oregon's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (OVR) 1555 SW Southgate Place Pendleton, Oregon, 97801 Tel: 541-278-4161 Fax: 541-276-1942	Provides assistance to Oregonians with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment and independence. The office also works with other local organizations to help people with disabilities.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties			✓				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Umatilla - Morrow Education Services District 2001 SW Nye Pendleton, Oregon 97801 Tel: 541-276-6616 Website: www.umesd.k12.or.us	Provides various programs in relation to education for children from K to 12. The district also has programs for special needs students.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties		✓	✓			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination • Plan/project implementation
Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group P.O. Box 14 Heppner, Oregon, 97836 Tel: 541-676-9228 Fax: 541-676-9211 website: wcvvedg@heppner.net	Provide economic development assistance to local businesses.	Morrow County	✓						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination
Women Infants Clinics Umatilla / Morrow Head Start 110 NE 4th Street Hermiston, Oregon, 97838 Tel: 1-800-559-5878 Fax: 541-564-6879	The Women Infants Clinic is a supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.	Umatilla and Morrow Counties		✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach • Information dissemination