



Help Reduce Disaster Losses in Your Community by Participating in the Plumas County 2026 Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

What would our communities look like if we planned and invested to manage long-term risks from natural disasters? Not only could we be safer and more secure, we could reduce financial losses and protect the unique character of Plumas County.

Plumas County's Office of Emergency Services is partnering with several local jurisdictions to develop a comprehensive update to our 2020 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and the City of Portola's 2019 LHMP. Participating jurisdictions include Plumas County and the City of Portola, along with special districts Chester Public Utilities District, Indian Valley Community Services District, Grizzly Lake Community Services District, Plumas Eureka Community Services District, and Feather River Resource Conservation District.

The purpose of the 2026 Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP update is to assess risks from natural hazards, implement actions to reduce future losses, and maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grant funding in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

What is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard mitigation means any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards.

Why is Hazard Mitigation Important?

Most people who live or work in Plumas County have been affected by natural hazards in one way or another. Our residents and our assets are vulnerable to a variety of hazards including floods, dam failure, drought, wildfire, and other severe weather events.

Rising costs associated with disaster response and recovery have focused the attention of federal, state, and local government officials on addressing natural hazards before they occur. For example, torrential rains and floods cannot be prevented from occurring, but planning for natural hazards and implementing hazard mitigation and risk reduction measures can reduce impacts to our infrastructure, buildings, and people from future hazard events. Emergency response and recovery costs; property damage; personal injury and loss of life; and the overall economic and social impact on the community can all be reduced, and in some instances eliminated, through natural hazard mitigation.

The Process for the 2026 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Plumas County's Office of Emergency Services is leading the effort, along with the City of Portola and the five special districts to develop the update along with a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) comprised of representatives from various County and City departments; districts; neighboring jurisdictions; key federal, state, and local agency stakeholders; and the public.

The Plan will be developed to meet new FEMA guidance issued in 2023. It will address an updated list of hazards and assess the risk and vulnerability of these hazards to the people and assets of the Plumas County planning area. The Plan will also establish an updated mitigation strategy designed to reduce the impacts of future disasters on people and property, critical facilities and infrastructure, and the environment as well as to the local economy.

Opportunities for Input

Members of the community have a very important role in this process. Several planning committee and public meetings will be held throughout 2025. A draft of the 2026 Plumas County Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP update will be available in Fall 2025 for review and comment by the public and all interested stakeholders.

For more information on the Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP update process please visit the [County's website](#).

We encourage all interested stakeholders and members of the public to attend the planning committee and public meetings.

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