



## ELKO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Elko County experienced a 100-year flood in February 2017. This incident quickly developed into a disaster for many citizens, towns, and cities. While still in the process of recovery and working on mitigation measures due to the flood, Elko County experienced several wildland/urban interface fires as well. All of these emergency events have demonstrated Elko County can be vulnerable to disasters, not only floods and fires, but winter storms, earthquakes, hazardous material spills and even drought. The risks posed by these hazards will continue to increase as the County's population continues to grow.

Elko County Emergency Management, along with the Cities of Carlin, Elko, Wells, West Wendover and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) have launched a planning effort, known as the *Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan*, to assess risks posed by natural disasters and identify ways to reduce those risks. This plan is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as a pre-requisite for receiving certain forms of Federal disaster assistance.

Elko County began this planning process in August 2017 and is requesting input through a questionnaire available **at [www.elkocountynv.net](http://www.elkocountynv.net)** for public input. The County anticipates submittal of the draft plan to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption in the spring of 2018.

Public comments and participation is welcomed. For additional information, please visit [www.elkosherriff.com](http://www.elkosherriff.com); please see the Home page "Announcement" to participate in our community survey or to submit comments, please contact Annette Kerr, Elko County Sheriff Office at (775) 777-2517 or [akerr@elkocountynv.net](mailto:akerr@elkocountynv.net).