

Appendix B: Planning Process Documentation

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Introduction

The following appendix provides documentation for the planning process discussed in *Section 4: Planning Process Summary*. This appendix includes information on public involvement and outreach, notified stakeholders, notified state agencies, notified neighboring jurisdictions, meeting invitation letters, meeting sign-in sheets, meeting worksheets, public review comments, and adoption resolutions.

Public Involvement and Outreach

Notified Stakeholder Groups

Organizations	Type
BLM	Federal Agency
US Forest Service	Federal Agency
National Parks Service	Federal Agency
National Weather Services	Federal Agency
Gunnison Valley Hospital	Health Organization
Gunnison Valley Health Senior Care Center	Health Organization
Gunnison Valley Health Home Medical Services	Health Organization
Six Points Evaluation & Training	Health Organization
Alpine Surgery Center	Health Organization
Gunnison Valley Health Hospice and Palliative Care	Health Organization
Gunnison Valley Health Mountain Clinic	Health Organization
Gunnison Valley Health Assisted Living	Health Organization
Axis Health System	Health Organization
West Region Health Care Coalition	Health Organization
Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce	Government Organization
Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority	Government Organization
Coal Creek Watershed Coalition	Government Organization
Gunnison County Electric Association	Utility Company/District
Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District	Utility Company/District
Crested Butte South Metropolitan District	Utility Company/District
Atmos Energy	Utility Company
Gunnison Service Center	Farm Service Agency
Hispanic Affairs Project	Inclusion Agency
Gunnison County Multicultural Services	Inclusion Agency
Project Hope of the Gunnison Valley	Inclusion Agency
Mountain Roots	Inclusion Agency
Gunnison Food Pantry	Inclusion Agency
Blue Mesa Dam	High Hazard Dam
Spring Creek	High Hazard Dam
Silver Jack Dam	High Hazard Dam
Lake Grant	High Hazard Dam
Paonia Dam	High Hazard Dam

Organizations	Type
Monument	High Hazard Dam
Beaver	High Hazard Dam
Taylor Park Dam	High Hazard Dam
Coal Creek Dam	High Hazard Dam
Meridian Lake Park #1	High Hazard Dam
Lake Arrowhead	High Hazard Dam
Tomahawk	High Hazard Dam
Fish Creek #2	High Hazard Dam
UGRWCD	High Hazard Dam
West Region Wildfire Council	Non-profit Organization
High Country Conservation Advocates	Non-profit Organization
Gunnison Valley Community Foundation	Non-profit Organization
Red Cross	Non-profit Organization
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District	Non-profit Organization
Town of Pitkin	Statutory Town
Town of Marble	Statutory Town
Western Colorado University	Education Organization
Gunnison Watershed School District	Education Organization
Colorado Forest Restoration Institute	Education Organization
Colorado University	Education Organization
Gunnison Highschool	Education Organization
Crested Butte Fire Protection District	Fire District
Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District	Fire District
Gunnison Regional Communications Center	Emergency Services
GVH Paramedics	Emergency Services
Six Points Gunnison	Emergency Services
West All Hazards Region	Emergency Services
Gunnison/Crested Butte Airport	Transportation Service

All high hazard dam owners in the county were also directly contacted with a request to provide dam inundation information along with any needed mitigation actions.

Notified State of Colorado Agencies

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Colorado Geological Survey	Colorado Water Conservation Board	Colorado Department of Transportation
Colorado State Forest Service	Colorado Office of Dam Safety	Colorado Climate Center
Colorado Resiliency Office	Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Colorado Department of Public Safety
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Colorado State Patrol	Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control	-	-

Notified Neighboring Jurisdictions

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Ouray County	Montrose County	Mesa County
Delta County	Pitkin County	Chaffee County
Saguache County	Hinsdale County	Lake City
City of Aspen	City of Montrose	Town of Olathe
Town of Silverton	Town of Carbondale	Town of Buena Vista
Town of Ridgway	City of Ouray	City of Glenwood Springs
City of Delta	-	-

Public Survey

A public survey was conducted to gather public input for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The survey could be taken online and was available in English and Spanish (<https://arcg.is/1O5C0L2>). The survey was promoted by Gunnison County, participants, and stakeholder groups using social media. Unfortunately, the response rate was low, with only 37 people completing the survey. Because of this, the results could not be utilized in the risk assessment as hoped.

The survey included one question and a mapping exercise. The question asked the public to identify the three hazards they are most concerned about. The mapping exercise asked the public to identify locations in their neighborhood, community, or county where they have specific concerns about hazards. A copy of the survey flyer, screenshots of the digital survey, and survey results are available below.

Survey Flyer

Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan

2026

**YOU can make a difference today!
Provide feedback on this survey.**

Gunnison County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan. Residents across the county are encouraged to participate in the planning process.



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Hazard Mitigation Plan

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a community-driven, living document that assesses vulnerability to natural and human caused hazards and identifies mitigation strategies to reduce vulnerability.

Why This is Important to Your Community:

- Gains eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant programs.
- Identifies strategies to reduce your community's risk to hazards and disasters.
- Builds relationships within your community and region that foster resilience across a larger geographic area.

El Condado de Gunnison Plan de Mitigación de Riesgos 2026

**¡USTED puede hacer
una diferencia
hoy! Proporcionar
comentarios en esta
encuesta.**

El Condado de Gunnison
está actualizando su Plan de
Mitigación de Riesgos. Se
anima a los residentes de todo
el condado a participar en el
proceso de planificación.



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Plan De Mitigacion De Riesgos

Un Plan de Mitigación de Riesgos es un documento dinámico impulsado por la comunidad que evalúa la vulnerabilidad frente a riesgos naturales y provocados por el ser humano, y que identifica estrategias de mitigación para reducir dicha vulnerabilidad.

Por Que Esto Es Importante Para Su Comunidad:

- Obtiene elegibilidad para la mitigación de FEMA y programas de subvenciones.
- Identifica estrategias para reducir su riesgo de peligros y desastres de su comunidad.
- Construye relaciones dentro de tu comunidad y región que fomentan resiliencia en un área geográfica más grande.

Social Media Posting

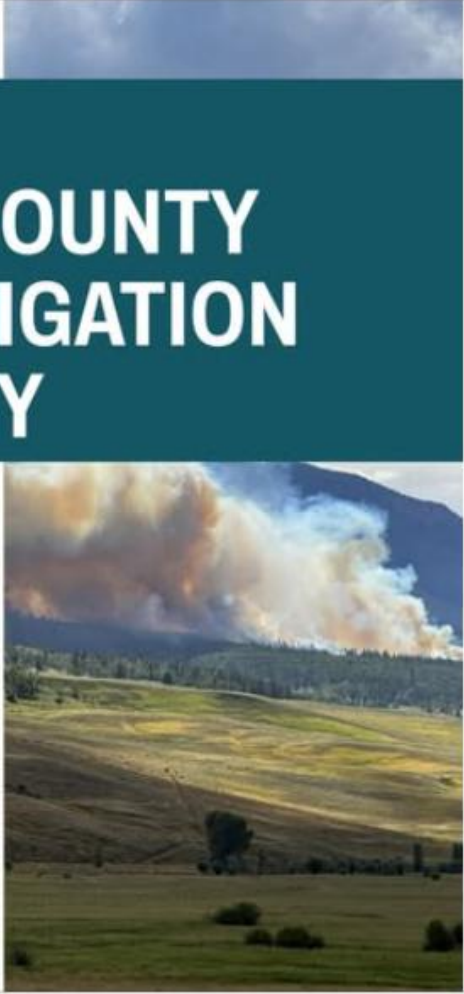
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Take the Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan project survey to share your feedback on areas within your neighborhood, community, or county where you have specific hazard-related concerns. Complete the survey here: <https://arcg.is/1O5C0L2> and be entered to win 1 of 2 \$50 Amazon Gift Cards!

TAKE THE GUNNISON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN SURVEY

Share your feedback on areas within your neighborhood, community, or county where you have specific hazard-related concerns.

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Public Survey



Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

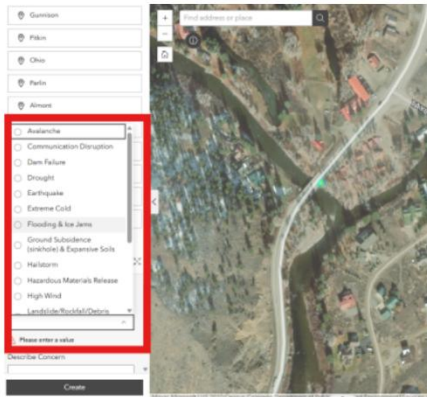
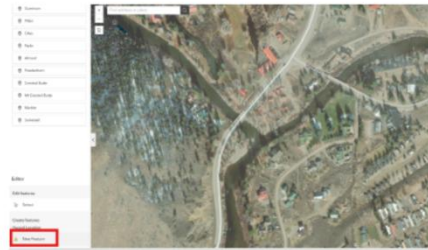


Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

Gunnison County is currently in the process of updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan. One of the key components of the plan is public input during the planning process. The county seeks your input on the hazards and locations you are concerned about. Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey.

Where in your neighborhood, community, or county do you have specific hazard-related concerns? Use the map below to add points where you have concerns.

Once you have zoomed into the location in the map below, select “New Feature” then click/tap on the map wherever you want to add points.



After adding a point to the map, use the drop-down to select the hazard the point corresponds to, fill in the text box on the left to provide a description of why this location is a concern, and hit “Create”. You may add as many points to the map as you like.

Also on the left is a list of communities in Gunnison County that you can zoom to by clicking on the name in the list.

Where in your neighborhood, community, or county do you have specific hazard-related concerns?

Once you have zoomed into the location on the map, select “New Feature” then click/tap on the map wherever you want to add points.



After adding a point to the map, use the drop-down to select the

If your internet browser is set to translate to a language other than English, click the button in the top-right of the map.

Please select the three (3) hazards you are most concerned about impacting you from the list below.*

☐ Avalanche

☐ Communication Disruption

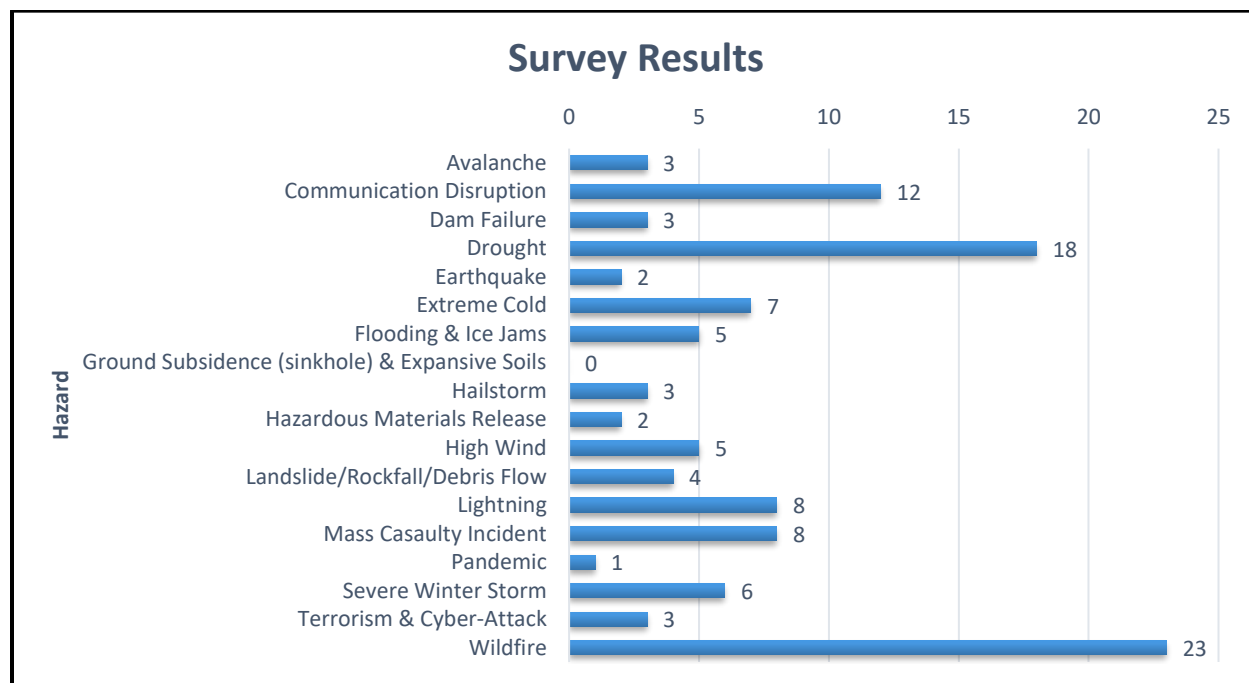
☐ Dam Failure

☐ Drought

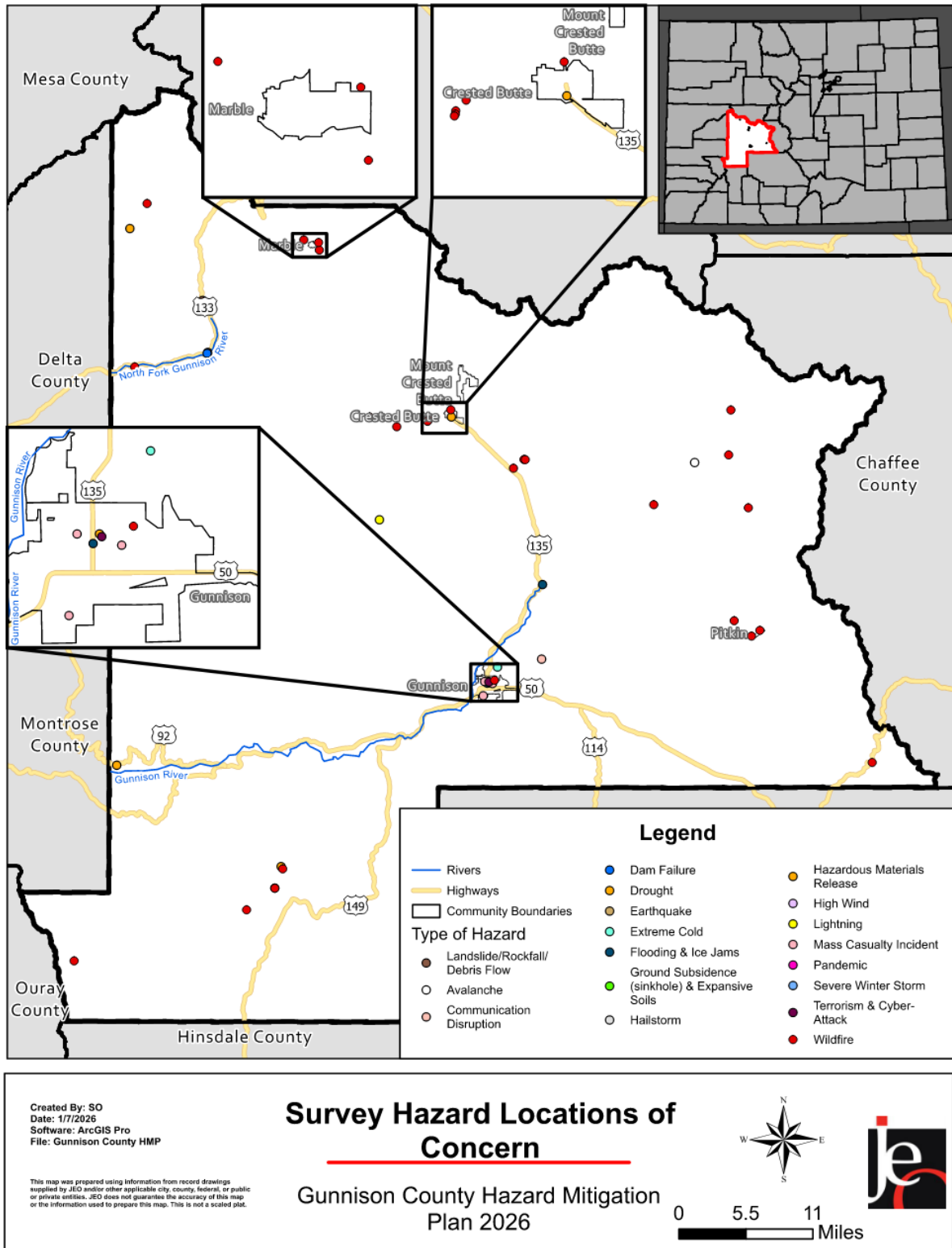
If your internet browser is set to translate to a language other than English, click the button in the top-right of the survey.

Public Survey Summarized Responses

Below are the results of the survey question. Wildfire, drought, and communication disruption were the three hazards that received the most votes as the most concerning in the county.



Public Survey Mapped Locations of Hazard Concerns



Community Rating System Activities for Gunnison County

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary, incentive-based program that encourages participating NFIP jurisdictions to exceed minimum floodplain management requirements. Under the CRS community, flood insurance premiums are discounted based on the activities the community takes to reduce flood damage to existing buildings, management development in areas not mapped by the NFIP, protect new buildings beyond the minimum NFIP protection level, preserve and/or restore natural functions of floodplains, help insurance agents obtain flood data, and help people obtain flood insurance. Communities receive a CRS classification based on the total credit for activities that indicate a specific flood insurance rate discount percentage.

The CRS process includes a 10-step guide to accomplish plan development and meet requirements. The following section lists each step and describes how it was addressed by Gunnison County during this plan update.

CRS Step 1: Organize

The Gunnison County Local Planning Team was established to guide and facilitate the development of this Hazard Mitigation Plan for Gunnison County. The local planning team can be found in *Appendix 02: Participant Profiles*. It included both county staff from various departments and local stakeholders. At a minimum, a representative from each of the following county departments was invited to participate in the planning process: Office of Emergency Management, Community and Economic Development, Public Works, Sheriff's Office, Health and Human Services, Chamber of Commerce, Administration, Attorney, Communications, Coroner's Office, Elections, Health and Human Services, Human Resources, and IT. The Office Emergency Management and Community and Economic Development Department (responsible for floodplain management and county planning) were key contributors in providing additional flooding information and coordination.

CRS Step 2: Involve the Public

Neighboring jurisdictions, local stakeholders, and residents were encouraged to participate in the planning process (more information about participation can be found throughout this appendix). Participation included invites to all public meetings along with a public survey. Participants and stakeholders were asked share the survey with residents and members of their organizations. All neighboring jurisdictions, stakeholders, and local planning teams were notified when the plan was available for a 30-day public review period. The draft plan was posted on the county's website and shared directly with participants and stakeholders using the project's Google Drive. A summary of the comments received can be found later in this appendix.

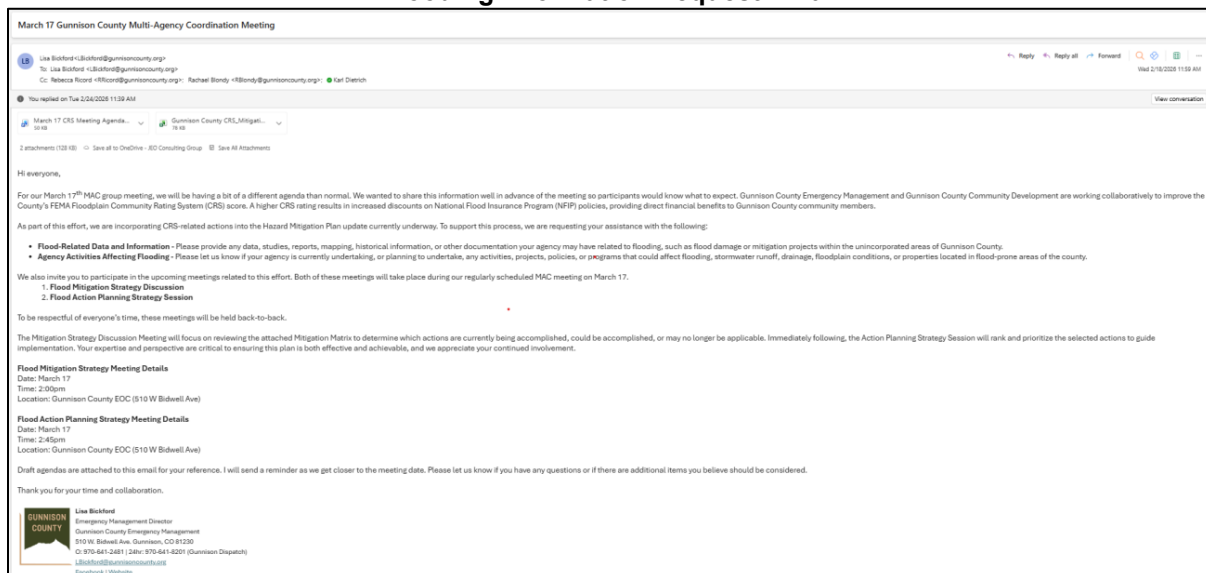
CRS Step 3: Coordinate

County planning mechanisms are reviewed and incorporated into the county's profile during the plan update process. Plans and studies reviewed during this process include, building codes, capital improvement plan, flood insurance study, floodplain ordinance, Gunnison Area Plan, Gunnison County Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire, Gunnison County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Gunnison County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Gunnison County Continuity of Operations Plan, Gunnison County Disaster Recovery Plan, Gunnison County Emergency Operations Plan, Gunnison County Fire Operating Plan, Gunnison County Strategic Plan, land use regulations, and One Valley Resiliency Roadmap. Local planning team members assisted in reviewing and summarizing the planning mechanisms.

Outside agencies listed in the table below were contacted to provide flood-related data and information (data, studies, reports, mapping, historical information) and activities they are undertaking that may affect flooding. These agencies were also invited to participate in the county's Flood Mitigation Strategy Meeting and Flood Action Planning Strategy Meeting. The flood information request email and meeting invitation can be found below.

Organizations	Organizations
Atmos Energy	Colorado Department of Transportation
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	City of Gunnison
City of Montrose	Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control
Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Colorado State Forest Service	Colorado State Patrol
Crested Butte Fire Protection District	Gunnison County Electric Association
Gunnison County Fire Protection District	Gunnison Food Pantry
Gunnison Regional Communications Center	Gunnison Valley Community Foundation
Gunnison Valley Hospital	Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority
Gunnison Watershed School District	Gunnison/Crested Butte Airport
GVH Paramedics	Hinsdale County
Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District	National Parks Service
National Weather Service	Red Cross
Six Points Gunnison	Town of Crested Butte
Coal Creek Watershed Coalition	Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District	U.S. Forest Service
West All Hazards Region	West Region Health Care Coalition
West Region Wildfire Council	Western Colorado University

Flooding Information Request Email



CRS Step 4: Assess the Hazards

The Gunnison County Local Planning Team reviewed, analyzed, and summarized flooding related data from existing studies, historical records, and knowledge of the team members. The flooding hazard assessment can be found in two locations. The first location is in *Appendix A: Full Risk Assessment*. This appendix covers, flooding definitions, locations, extent, historical occurrences, average annual losses, and future likelihood across the entire county. The Gunnison County Profile found in *Appendix 2: Participant Profiles* provides additional county only specific information including flood history, flood prone areas, and less frequent sources of flooding.

CRS Step 5: Assess the Problem

Once the local planning team assessed flooding in the county, they next collected and summarized data on what is at risk. Similar to Step 4, this data is summarized in two locations. The first location is in *Appendix A: Full Risk Assessment*. It covers various vulnerabilities and risks from flooding and dam failure across the entire county. The Gunnison County Profile found in *Appendix 2: Participant Profiles* provides additional county only specific information including impacts to life, impacts to health and safety, impacts to buildings, repetitive loss, economic impacts, and future considerations.

CRS Step 6: Set Goals

The hazard mitigation planning process requires the establishment of clear goals and objectives to guide it. Goals from the 2021 hazard mitigation plan were reviewed and updated at the kick-off meeting by the Gunnison County Planning Team. Established goals and objectives for the 2026 hazard mitigation plan are found in *Section One: Introduction*.

CRS Step 7: Review Possible Activities

As part of the CRS process during the hazard mitigation plan, Gunnison County specifically reviewed mitigation actions to address flooding in the following six strategies: preventative, property protection, natural resource protection, emergency services, structural flood control projects, and public information. Actions were evaluated and discussed for feasibility, benefits, and costs by the Gunnison County Local Planning Team at a standalone Flood Mitigation Strategy Meeting. The meeting was held on March 17, 2026, at the Emergency Operations Center. Attendees utilized a mitigation matrix to identify flood related actions, costs, funding sources, and lead agency. While reviewing each mitigation action, the local planning team discussed these three questions.

1. Does this action address a specific flooding issue? If yes, how?
2. How will this action reduce future flood risk?
3. What are the implementation constraints?

Below are actions and descriptions that were considered by the local planning team.

Actions Reviewed

Action Title	Action Description	Action Category
CFM Education	Expand education of building inspectors or Certified Floodplain Managers.	Preventative
Community Rating System	Improve overall standing as an NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) community to reduce flood insurance premiums.	Preventative
Community-Wide Master Plan to Prioritize Flood Related Projects	Identify potential flooding sources and flood-vulnerable areas. Explore solutions and prioritize projects. Develop and maintain a list of flood risk reduction projects, priority areas, and cost-benefit analysis for each project.	Preventative
Development Restrictions	Enhance floodplain regulations to restrict types of development allowed in the floodplain.	Preventative
Drainage Study/Stormwater Master Plan	Preliminary drainage studies and assessments can be conducted to identify and prioritize design improvements to address site specific localized flooding/drainage issues to reduce and/or alleviate flooding. Stormwater master plans can be developed to help identify stormwater problem areas and potential drainage improvements.	Preventative
Floodplain Regulation Enforcements/Updates	Update enforcement strategies and tools of floodplain regulations for structures located in the 1-percent floodplain. Strict enforcement of the type of development and elevations of structures should be considered through issuance of building permits by any community or county.	Preventative
Floodplain Regulations	Develop and pass more restrictive floodplain regulations. Enhancements may include: limiting types of development within the floodplain, redefining substantial loss for impacted homes, and increasing the free-board requirement to more than one foot above base flood elevation.	Preventative
Low Impact Development	Utilize low impact development practices and green infrastructure to reduce flood risk.	Preventative
Mutual Aid through WARN Program	Establish mutual aid agreements through Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) Program.	Preventative
Stormwater Management Committee	Establish a stormwater development committee to oversee improvements to the stormwater system and to respond to community concerns.	Preventative
Elevate Pad Mounted Transformers and Switch Gear	Elevate pad mounted transformers and switch gear above base flood elevation to eliminate damages from flooding.	Property Protection
Facility Floodproofing	Explore the possibility of flood proofing for facilities which fall into the one percent annual chance floodplain.	Property Protection
Filtration Facility Upgrade	Upgrade or improve water filtration facility	Property Protection
Flood Prone Property Acquisition	Voluntary acquisition and demolition of properties prone to flooding will reduce the general threat of flooding for communities. Additionally, this can provide flood insurance benefits to those communities within the NFIP. Repetitive loss structures are typically highest priority.	Property Protection

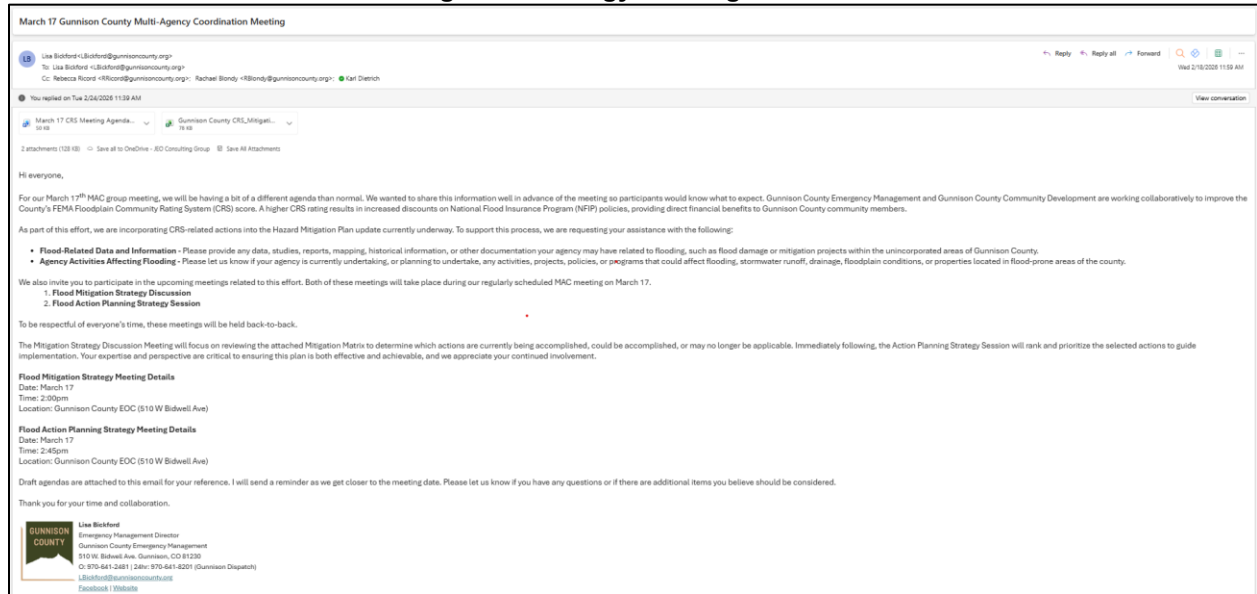
Action Title	Action Description	Action Category
Fuel Tank Anchoring	Anchor unsecured fuel tanks in maintenance yard to prevent floatation during floods or debris during other hazard events	Property Protection
Infrastructure Protection	Develop flood control devices to protect critical infrastructure during flood events.	Property Protection
Mitigate Repetitive Loss Properties	Mitigate repetitive loss properties through voluntary acquisition, elevation, etc.	Property Protection
Parcel Level Evaluation of Flood Prone Properties	Conduct a study examining parcels located in floodprone areas and identify mitigation measures that can reduce future impacts.	Property Protection
Relocation of Hazardous Storage	Explore a plan and funding for relocation of tanks and hazardous storage located in the floodplain or floodprone areas.	Property Protection
Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades and Improvements	Explore upgrading and improving storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure that have been identified as in critical condition or in a high-risk location near streams or levees.	Property Protection
Site Hardening	Locate critical mechanical systems above the base flood elevation. Consider moving electrical systems to higher floors or the roof rather than the basement.	Property Protection
Well Field Improvements	Install backup generators for wells for redundant power in case of hazard event.	Property Protection
Adopt a No Adverse Impact	Adopt a no adverse impact approach to floodplain management.	Natural Resource Protection
Bank Stabilization for Erosion Control	Stabilize banks along streams and rivers. This may include, but is not limited to: reducing bank slope, addition of riprap, installation of erosion control materials/fabrics.	Natural Resource Protection
Floodplain Management	Preserve natural and beneficial functions of floodplain land through measures such as retaining natural vegetation, restoring streambeds, and preserving open space in the floodplain, particularly for parks located near flood prone areas.	Natural Resource Protection
Wetlands Protection	Preserve and protect wetland areas	Natural Resource Protection
Agricultural / Ranching Preservation	Using agricultural lands as floodplain management	Natural Resource Protection
Monitoring Snowpack	Increase monitoring of snowpack levels for future drought and flooding events.	Natural Resource Protection
USGS Stream Monitoring Sites	Add additional USFS stream monitoring sites to areas with a history of flooding.	Natural Resource Protection
Develop Flood Assistance Strategies	Develop strategies and projects to assist landowners and private property receive necessary emergency and utility services in the event of flooding or other major disaster events.	Emergency Services
Emergency Management Exercise	Develop and facilitate an exercise to identify gaps in planning and to ensure that community response plans are sufficient to meet the needs of the jurisdiction.	Emergency Services

Action Title	Action Description	Action Category
	Develop after action report and plan for actions post exercise.	
Improvements to Flood Warning System	Update equipment, insure equipment is in a secure location, and install additional gauges.	Emergency Services
Mutual Aid Agreements	Create mutual aid agreements or memorandums of understanding for equipment/personnel sharing during all hazard emergencies and disasters	Emergency Services
Gap Weather Radar System	Work with the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District to purchase and bring in a weather station to the Gunnison Valley. This would fill in an existing gap in coverage.	Emergency Services
Channel and Bridge Improvements	Implement channel and bridge improvements to increase channel conveyance and decrease the base flood elevations.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Drainage Ditches	Deepen drainage ditches and clean out culverts.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Drainage Improvements	Improve drainage and road surface along specific routes for emergency access/egress.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Grade Control Sewer Lift Stations	Implement grade control projects at sewer lift stations	Structural Flood Control Projects
Improve / Upgrade Bridges	Investigate, design and retrofit or improve bridges to provide greater capacity and maintain or improve structural integrity during flood events..	Structural Flood Control Projects
Improve Drainage	Improve storm sewers and drainage patterns in and around rural residents.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Levee Certification and Accreditation	Certify any non-certify levees in the county to a higher flood risk reduction standard.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Levee/ Floodwall Construction and/or Improvements	Levees and floodwalls serve to provide flood protection to businesses and residents during large storm events. Improvements to existing levees and floodwalls will increase flood protection. If possible, the structure should be designed to FEMA standards to provide 1-percent flood protection providing additional flood insurance benefits.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Promote Infiltration	Convert concrete-lined channels to natural channels to promote infiltration.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Protect Storm Sewer Outlets	Protect and stabilize storm sewer outlets discharging to waterways, at-risk to erosion and/or damage due to stream flows or flooding.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Protect Utilities near Waterways	Protect and stabilize utilities near waterways, at-risk to erosion and/or damage due to stream flows or flooding.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Remove Flow Constrictions	Remove flow constrictions to reduce risk of flooding by improving drainage, stabilizing creeks, and clearing channels	Structural Flood Control Projects
Remove Flow Restrictions - Bridges	Conduct a preliminary drainage assessment and/or design bridge improvements to reduce and/or alleviate flooding. Bridges typically serve as flow restrictions along streams and rivers. Cleanout and reshaping channel segments at bridge crossings can increase conveyance, reducing the potential for flooding. Replacing or modifying of bridges and other flow restrictions may be necessary to eliminate flooding threats and damages.	Structural Flood Control Projects

Action Title	Action Description	Action Category
Storm Water Management	Upgrade combined sewer system to improve storm water management.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Stormwater System and Drainage Improvements	Communities often utilize underground stormwater systems comprising of pipes and inlets to convey runoff. Undersized systems can contribute to localized flooding. Stormwater system improvements may include pipe upsizing and additional inlets. Retention and detention facilities may also be implemented to decrease runoff rates while also decreasing the need for other stormwater system improvements.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Stream Grade Control Structures	Stream bed degradation occurs along many river and creeks. Grade control structures including sheet-pile weirs, rock weirs, ponds, road dams, etc. can be implemented to maintain the channel bed.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Transportation Drainage Improvements	Make improvements to roadways and drainage ways to prevent damage to key transportation routes. Utilize geosynthetic products for repair and mitigation of damages. Consider covering of road washouts, culvert sizing headwalls, steep banks, slides, in-road springs, roadway edge armoring, low water crossings, pothole grading, weak foundations, gravel road maintenance, ditch linings, on steep grades, erosion protection, etc.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Operation and Maintaining dams	Operations, inspections, improvements on dams.	Structural Flood Control Projects
Evacuation Mapping	Provide residents with an evacuation routing map in the event of a flood	Public Information
Flood Preparation and Awareness	Increase flood preparation and raise awareness for flooding risks in the county. Early spring includes flood preparedness PSAs on social media and in the newspaper. The county will convene the spring runoff coordination group for situational awareness and to identify any flooding concerns.	Public Information
Library Resources	Ensure local libraries host and maintain roster of flood related information including FIRMs, local flood information, and regulatory standards.	Public Information
NFIP Education	Increase outreach on NFIP importance. Update the county website with NFIP information and start outreach on Facebook and Instagram in both English and Spanish.	Public Information
Public Safety Website	Develop a public safety website that includes active emergency updates, evacuation areas, active alerts and warnings, and relevant public safety information (such as fire restrictions).	Public Information
Risk Communication	Provide information on the floodplain to area residents. Outreach activities may include distributing maps, evacuation plans, environmental education, etc.	Public Information
Risk Communication	Require landlords to disclose if a rental property is located in a flood prone area or if the structure has been impacted previously by high-water events.	Public Information

The meeting invitation, agenda, sign-in sheet, and example mitigation matrix can be found below.

Flood Mitigation Strategy Meeting Invitation Email



Flood Mitigation Strategy Meeting Agenda



Office of Emergency Management

Office of Community and Economic Development

March 17th 2:00-2:45pm: Flood Mitigation Strategy Discussion Draft Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Purpose of meetings
 - b. Overview of Hazard Mitigation Plan and CRS integration
2. FEMA CRS Overview
 - a. Brief explanation of CRS program
 - b. Benefits to Gunnison County and community members
3. Mitigation Strategy Discussion Meeting
 - a. Review of existing Mitigation Matrix
 - i. Identification of actions that are:
 - Currently being accomplished
 - Feasible for future implementation
 - No longer applicable

Flood Mitigation Strategy Meeting Sign In Sheet 1 of 2



Gunnison County Emergency Operations Center

Office of Emergency Management Meeting Check-in

Meeting Name

CHS
Mitigation Strategy

Date

3/17/2026

Name	Organization
Lisa Bickford	Gunnison County OEm
Ryan White	Gunnison County OEm
Sandra Mabry	GLUSD
Shanna Gray	Gunnison County HHS
Branden Diamond	CPW
Joe Duensing	DFPC
Martin Schmidt	Gunnison County Public Works
TJ Blake	CDOT
Erin Walter	NWS
SEAN CAFFEY	CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Jodie Ching	GHCE TSA
NATHAN HOOPER	GHCE TSA
SCOTT MORRILL	GHCE TSA & WRWC
Beverly Richards	UGRWCD

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Flood Mitigation Strategy Meeting Sign In Sheet 2 of 2



GUNNISON COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Gunnison County Emergency Operations Center
Office of Emergency Management Meeting Check-in

Meeting Name _____

Date _____

Name	Organization
Sonja Chavez	Upper Gunnison River Waters Conservancy District
Patricia David Schmitz	Gunnison County
Doyle Furka	USFS
David Carr	USFS
Nicole Stone	Gunnison County HHS
SHEA EARLEY	TOWN OF CRESTED BUTE
Mat Da Silva	Western
Rebecca Riord	Gunnison County Com Dev
Rachael Blundy	Gunnison County Com Dev
Elija Sorensen	Gunnison Valley Health

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Example Mitigation Matrix

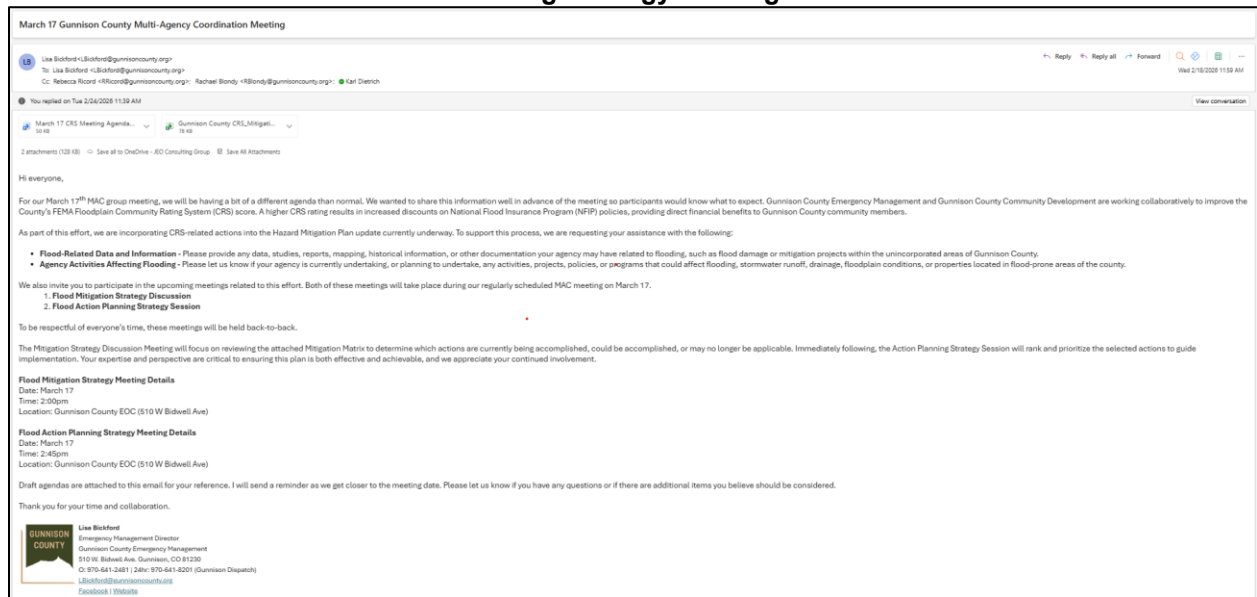
Example Mitigation Matrix											
Action Title	Example Description	Category of Floodplain Management	Does this action address a specific flooding issue?	How will this action reduce future flooding risk?	What are the implementation challenges?	Action identified for inclusion in plan?	If this is YES, answer these questions...	Estimated Cost	Local Funding Source	Lead Agency	Status (Are actions continuing/ongoing?)
1. CFM Education	Expand education on building requirements for Certified Floodplain Managers.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
1. Community Planning System	Improve current strategy via RFP Community Planning System (CPS) community to reduce flood damage potential.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
1. Community-Wide Master Plans	Identify potential flooding sources and flood-prone areas. Explore solutions and protective projects. Develop and maintain a list of flood risk reduction projects, priority areas, and non-structural options for each project.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
1. Prioritize Flood-Prone Projects	Enhance floodplain regulations to restrict types of development allowed in the floodplain.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
1. Development Restrictions	Produce design studies and assessments can be conducted to identify and prioritize design improvements to address site specific localized flood/damage issues to reduce another adverse flooding. Stormwater master plan can be developed to identify potential problem areas and potential design improvements.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
1. Drainage Study/Stormwater Master Plan	Update enforcement strategies and tools of floodplain regulations for structures located within floodplains. Strict enforcement of the type of development and elevations of structures should be considered through issuance of building permits to all construction projects.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
1. Floodplain Regulation	Develop and pass more restrictive floodplain regulations. Enforcement may include limiting types of development within the floodplain, reducing substantial loss for improved homes, and increasing the free-board requirement to more than one foot above base flood elevation. Allow low impact development practices and green infrastructure to reduce flood risk.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
1. Low Impact Development	Establish mutual aid agreements through water/wastewater Agency Partnership Network (WAPN) Program.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Public Works Utilities	Continued
1. Stormwater Management	Establish a stormwater development committee to oversee improvements to the stormwater system and/or respond to community concerns.	Preventative	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
2. Elevate Flood-Prone Structures	Elevate and/or reinforce structures and walls per above base flood elevation to minimize damage from flooding.	Property Protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued
2. Flood Insurance	Evaluate the possibility of flood pricing for facilities which fall into the one percent annual chance floodplain.	Property Protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				ComDev	Continued

CRS Step 8: Draft an Action Plan

Once the mitigation actions were reviewed and discussed by the Gunnison County Local Planning Team, they hosted a Flood Action Planning Strategy Meeting. The meeting was held on March 17, 2026, at the Emergency Operations Center. This meeting selected the mitigation actions appropriate to the county's resources, hazards, and vulnerable properties. The local planning team also identified funding sources, timelines, costs, priority rating, status, and lead agency. A prioritization spreadsheet was used to assist in the process of prioritizing the actions based on timelines, cost, impacts, and outside factors.

The selected mitigation actions can be found in *Appendix 2: Participant Profiles*. The meeting invitation, agenda, sign-in sheet, and example prioritization spreadsheet can be found below.

Flood Action Planning Strategy Meeting Invitation Email



Flood Action Planning Strategy Meeting Agenda



Office of Emergency Management

Office of Community and Economic Development

March 17th 2:45-3:30pm: Flood Action Planning Strategy Session Draft Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Purpose of meeting
2. Action Planning Strategy Session
 - a. Ranking and prioritization of selected mitigation actions
 - b. Discussion of implementation considerations
3. Next Steps
 - a. How results will be incorporated into the Hazard Mitigation Plan and CRS process
 - b. Timeline and follow-up actions

Flood Action Planning Strategy Meeting Sign In Sheet 1 of 2



Gunnison County Emergency Operations Center

Office of Emergency Management Meeting Check-in

Meeting Name CRS Action Planning Strategy Date 3/17/2026

Name	Organization
Lisa Bickford	Gunnison County OEM
Ryan White	Gunnison County OEM
Erin Walter	NWS
SEAN CAIFFREY	CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Jodie Chion	GHCEISA
Nathan Harper	GHCEISA
Scott Morrill	GHCEISA WRWC
Beverly Richards	UGRWCD
Sanja Chavez	UGRWCD
Patty David Schmidt	Gunnison County
Nicole Stone	Gunnison County
David Carr	USFS
SHEA EARLEY	TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE
Matt Da Silva	Western

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smorrill@gunnisoncounty.org, rwhite@gunnisoncounty.org

Prioritization Spreadsheet Example

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CRS Step 9: Adopt the Plan

Before plan submission for state and federal review and approval, the draft hazard mitigation plan was made available to all stakeholders, neighboring jurisdictions, and participating jurisdictions for public review. This review period allows each member of these agencies to provide comments or additional revisions, which are incorporated into the appropriate section before plan submission.

Once the plan has been submitted, reviewed, and approved by DHSEM and FEMA, the county will adopt the plan locally via resolution. See the draft Adoption Resolution template in this appendix. Passed resolutions are filed with DHSEM and are available upon request from the State Hazard Mitigation Officer.

CRS Step 10: Implement, Evaluate, and Revise

Implementation of previously identified mitigation actions is listed in *Appendix 2: Participant Profiles*. Each mitigation action listed in the county's profile includes the identification of a lead agency to assist in the future implementation of the action. Additionally, to aid in monitoring and maintenance of the HMP, a description of the maintenance strategy for the county is included in the profile. This includes the members of local planning teams responsible for monitoring the plan, providing status updates, submitting revisions or changes to the state as needed after disaster events, and their process for including the public in the review. Finally, *Appendix F: Guide to Review and Update the Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes recommended resources for updating individual participant profiles.

Round 1 Meeting Invitations

Participating Jurisdictions Meeting Invitation



June 4, 2025

RE: Gunnison Hazard Mitigation Plan Round One Public Meeting

Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Participant,

Gunnison County is beginning the first phase of its Hazard Mitigation Plan update. You are receiving this invitation because your jurisdiction is a potential participant in the plan. A hazard mitigation plan examines local vulnerabilities to a range of hazards (e.g., flooding, severe winter storms, drought, etc.) and identifies strategies and projects to reduce their impact. Once a community, county, or district (school district, fire district, etc.) is part of an approved hazard mitigation plan, they become eligible for certain FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants. These grants can cover up to a 75% cost share for a variety of projects listed in the plan. FEMA requires at least one representative from your jurisdiction to attend the planning meetings in order to be a participant and part of the plan.

On Thursday, June 26th, Gunnison County Emergency Management will host the first planning meeting to discuss the update of the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This discussion will occur during the second half of the Upper Gunnison Shared Stewardship Council meeting. The details of the meeting can be found below. The meeting can be attended in person or virtually.

- Thursday, June 26th from 11:00am to Noon at the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, 210 Spencer Ave STE B, Gunnison, CO
 - Or join online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84450592453?pwd=bjJ6cDgx d2I3WmtKZWpEUDduTWp0UT09>.

Note that the Upper Gunnison Shared Stewardship Council meeting starts at 10:00am, but the portion dedicated to the hazard mitigation plan meeting will begin at 11:00am. You are welcome to join both portions, or just the hazard mitigation plan portion.

If you are joining online, you can access and download your jurisdiction's meeting worksheets starting June 23 by visiting the project's [Google Drive](#).

Gunnison County is working with JEO Consulting Group to help update the plan. Please RSVP to the meeting by contacting Karl Dietrich, JEO Planner, at kdietrich@jeo.com or by phone at (402) 742-7213. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me or Gunnison County Emergency Management. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

Karl Dietrich, Planner
JEO Consulting Group
On behalf of Gunnison County Emergency Management

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Stakeholders & Neighboring Jurisdictions Round 1 Meeting Invitation Letter



June 24, 2025

North Fork Water Conservancy District
PO Box 17
Hotchkiss, CO 81419

RE: Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan Round One Public Meeting

Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Stakeholder,

Gunnison County is beginning the first phase of its Hazard Mitigation Plan update. You are receiving this invitation because you are a potential stakeholder in this planning effort. The hazard mitigation plan examines county and local vulnerabilities to a range of hazards (i.e., flooding, severe winter storms, drought, etc.) and identifies strategies and projects to reduce their impact.

As a stakeholder, you are encouraged to provide input to the planning process to ensure identified mitigation efforts are appropriate and consistent with the special needs of the organization or entity you represent. Your input will be integrated into the larger community profile prepared by your community's local representatives. The meeting can be attended either in-person or virtually.

The meeting will be held on:

- ☐ Thursday, June 26th from 11:00am to Noon at the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, 210 Spencer Ave STE B, Gunnison, CO
 - o Or join online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84450592453?pwd=bjJ6cDgxd2l3WmtKZWpEUDduTWp0UT09>.

Note that the Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting will take place during the second half of the Upper Gunnison Shared Stewardship Council meeting, which starts at 10:00am. You are welcome to join that meeting as well.

Gunnison County is working with JEO Consulting Group to help update the plan. Please RSVP to the meeting by contacting Karl Dietrich, JEO Planner, at kdietrich@jeo.com or by phone at (402) 742-7213.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me or Gunnison County Emergency Management. We are looking forward to seeing you at the first round meeting!

Sincerely,

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June 20, 2025

Monique Garrett
Town of Olathe
419 S Horton Ave
Olathe, CO 81425

RE: Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan Round One Public Meeting

Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Neighboring Jurisdiction,

Gunnison County is beginning the first phase of its Hazard Mitigation Plan update. You are receiving this letter because you are a neighboring jurisdiction in this planning effort. The hazard mitigation plan examines local vulnerabilities to a range of hazards (i.e., flooding, severe winter storms, drought, etc.) and identifies strategies and projects to reduce their impact.

As a neighboring jurisdiction, you are encouraged to provide input to the planning process to ensure identified mitigation efforts are appropriate and consistent with any cross boundary or regional needs. The details of the meeting can be found below. The meeting can be attended either in-person or virtually.

- Thursday, June 26th from 11:00am to Noon at the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, 210 Spencer Ave STE B, Gunnison, CO
 - Or join online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84450592453?pwd=bjJ6cDgxd2l3WmtKZWpEUDduTWp0UT09>.

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Round 1 Sign-In Sheets

Round 1 In-Person Sign-In Sheets

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Gunnison County Hazards Meeting
"Round 1 Meeting"
 June 26, 2025 – 11:00 AM

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Shea Earley	Public Works Director	Town of Crested Butte	(970) 349-5338	searley@crestedbutte-co.gov
✓ Hugo Ferchau	Fire Marshal	Gunnison County Fire	(970) 641-8153	hferchau@gunnisonco.gov
Jason Humble	Mitigation Planning Specialist	DHSEM	720-591-8539	jason.humble@state.co.us
Aaron Johnson	Chief Operations Officer	West Region Wildfire Council	(970) 615-7300	aaron.johnson@cowildfire.org
Blake Kinser	Paonia Fire Chief	Ragged Mountain FPD		blakekinser@gmail.com
Mike Lee	IT Director	City of Gunnison	(970) 641-8179	mlee@gunnisonco.gov
Seth Mensing	University Media & Communications Manager	Western Colorado University	(970) 943-7027	smensing@western.edu
✓ Scott Morrill	Gunnison County OEM	Gunnison County	(970) 275-1370	smorrill@gunnisoncounty.org
Leigh Robertson	Partnership & Collaboration Director	West Region Wildfire Council	(970) 615-7300	leigh.robertson@cowildfire.org
✓ Neal Starkebaum	Community Development Director	Town of Mt. Crested Butte	(970) 349-6632	nstarkebaum@mtcb.colorado.gov
Rob Weisbaum	Fire Chief	Crested Butte FPD	(734) 891-0101	rweisbaum@cbfpd.org
Ryan White	Gunnison County OEM	Gunnison County	(970) 641-7690	rwhite@gunnisoncounty.org

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NAME	TITLE	DISTRICT/JURISDICTION Represented	PHONE	EMAIL
Katya Schloesser	Curriculum Developer Program MS	education	505-681-2364	Katya.Schloesser@colorado.edu
Crystal Brown	Gunnison High Teacher	education Firefighter	970-739-4527	kbrown@gunnisonschools.net
Jack Starkebaum	USFS Fuels Planner	United States Forest Service	970-200-4565	jack.starkebaum@usfs.gov
Jon Hare	High Country Conservation Advocate	Advocacy Director	412 582 7016	jon@hccach.org
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NICOLE BOGENSCHWETZ	ENGINEER	Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District		nbogenschwetz@mcbwsd.com
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Please Sign In!

Gunnison County Hazards Meeting
“Round 1 Meeting”
 June 26, 2025 – 11:00 AM

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Please Sign In!

Round 1 Online Sign-In Sheet

Virtual Attendance

First Name	Last Name	Jurisdiction
Leigh	Robertson	WRWC
Mike	Markus	City of Delta City Planner
Jackie	Edinger	CFRI
Jarod	Dunn	CFRI @ Colorado State University
Brett	Wolk	CFRI
Neal	Starkebaum	Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Joe	Gillman	
Carolyn	de Groot	Town of Crested Butte
Sarah	Elzay	Cheatgrass coordinator; Gunnison county
Shea	Earley	Town of Crested Butte
Michael	Salazar	USFS
Jessica	Earley	Town of Crested Butte
Kris	Stewart	Delta County OEM
Pete	Rice	City of Gunnison PW Director
Harlan	Nimmo	Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District
Sam	Costello	Chief of Police, Gunnison PD
Mike	Fabbre	Mount Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District
Adam	Murdie	Gunnison County Sheriff
Blake	Kinser	Paonia Fire Department (ragged Mountain Fire District)
Anton	Sinkewich	Gunnison
Hussam	Mahmoud	CSU (in-person)
Karl	Dietrich	JEO
Lillian	Clark	JEO

Amy Perkins, Delta County? (joined within last 5 mins)

Notes

- ☐ Question about including man-made hazards in this plan vs. last plan was only natural hazards
- ☐ Question about JEO already having community lifelines from CWPP (Karl said to provide names, but we can pull addresses from CWPP)

Round 1 Example Participant Profile with Questions

Community Profile

City of Gunnison

Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026

Name(s): _____

Date: _____

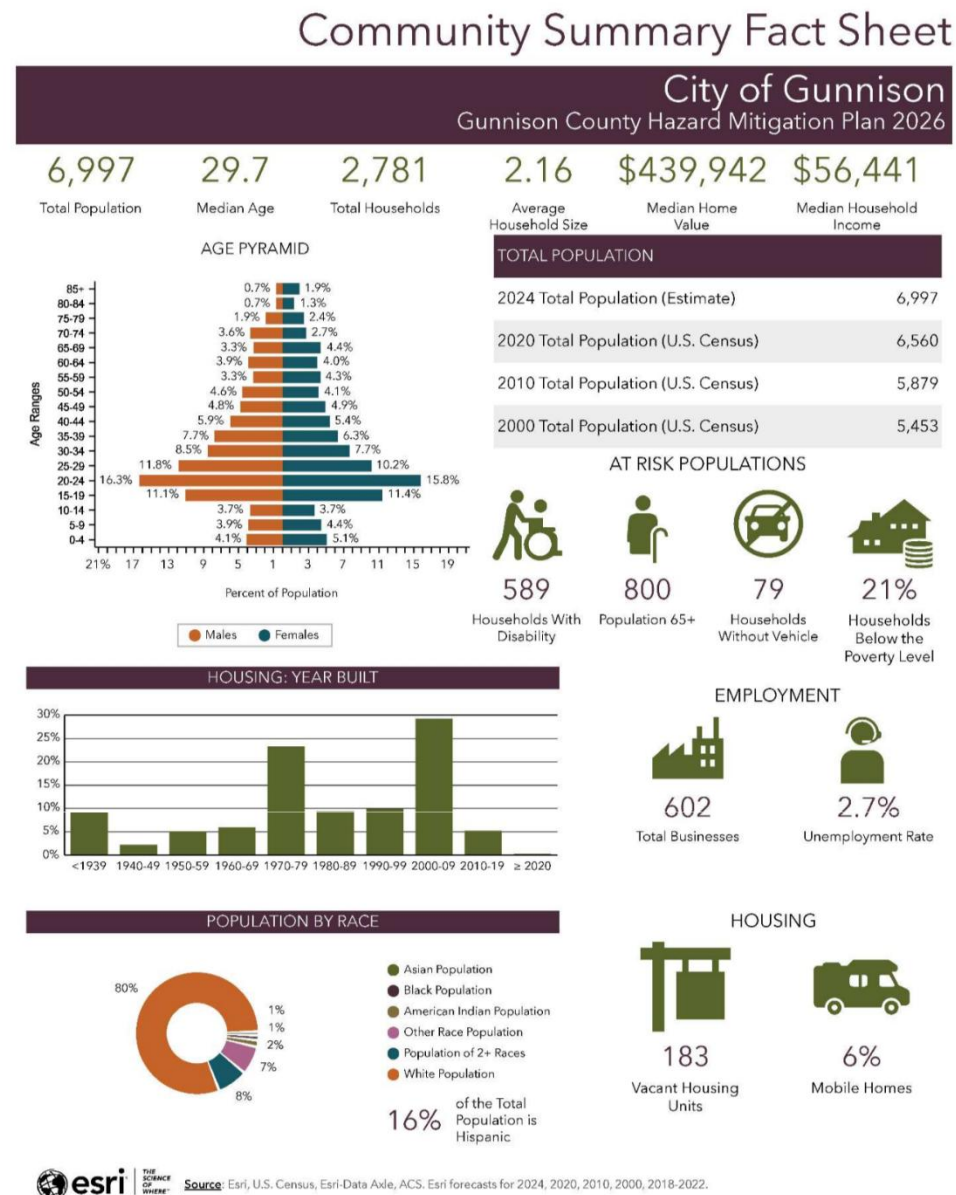
Worksheets Due By: _____

Please answer the questions in red italics. Your responses are critical for completing this Community Profile.

Completed Community Profiles and other worksheets can be returned to JEO Consulting Group, Attn: Karl Dietrich, 2000 Q Street Ste 500, Lincoln, NE 68503, or kdietrich@jeo.com. If you have any questions, please call 402-742-7213.

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Community Fact Sheet



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Local Planning Team

Gunnison Local Planning Team

Name	Title	Jurisdiction	Round 1 Meeting	Round 2 Meeting

Plan Maintenance

Information will be added for the Round 2 meeting.

Capability Assessment

The planning team assessed the City of Gunnison's hazard mitigation capabilities by reviewing planning, regulatory, administrative, technical, fiscal, education, warning, and outreach capabilities.

Please check the right column in the following table for your community. The table includes responses from the 2020 HMP. If there have been changes or updates, please cross out the answer and provide the updated answer. Fill in any missing information highlighted in red.

Gunnison Capability Assessment

Capability/Planning Mechanism		Yes/No
Planning & Regulatory Capability	Comprehensive Plan	Yes
	Capital Improvements Plan	Yes
	Economic Development Plan	
	Emergency Operations Plan	Yes
	Floodplain Management Plan	
	Stormwater Management Plan	
	Zoning Ordinance	Yes
	Subdivision Regulation/Ordinance	Yes
	Floodplain Ordinance	Yes
	Building Codes	Yes
	Water System Emergency Response Plan	
	Source Water Protection Plan	
	National Flood Insurance Program	Yes
	Community Rating System	Yes
	Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Yes (County)
	Growth Management Ordinance	No
	Hazard Specific Ordinances	
	Erosion/Sediment Control Plan	Yes
	Flood Insurance Study	Yes
	Elevation Certificates	Yes

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Capability/Planning Mechanism		Yes/No
	BCEGS Rating	
	Other (if any)	
Administrative & Technical Capability	Planning Commission	Yes
	Planner/Engineer (Land Development)	Yes
	Planner/Engineer/Scientist (Natural Hazards)	Yes
	Resilience Planner	
	Transportation Planner	
	Floodplain Administrator	Yes
	GIS Capabilities	Yes
	Chief Building Official	Yes
	Engineering (Construction)	Yes
	Emergency Manager	Yes
	Grant Manager	Yes
	Mutual Aid Agreement	
	Site Plan Review Requirements	
	Other (if any)	
Fiscal Capability	1- & 6-Year Plan	
	Applied for Grants in the Past	
	Awarded a Grant in the Past	
	Authority to Levy Taxes for Specific Purposes, such as Mitigation Projects	Yes
	Gas/Electric/Water/Sewer Service Fees	No
	Stormwater Service Fees	No
	Development Impact Fees	No
	General Obligation Revenue or Special Tax Bonds	No
	Withheld Spending in Hazard-Prone Areas	No
	Other (if any)	
Education & Outreach Capability	Local Citizen Groups or Non-Profit Organizations Focused on Environmental Protection, Emergency Preparedness, Access and Functional Needs Populations, etc.	Yes
	Ongoing Public Education or Information Program (e.g., Responsible Water Use, Fire Safety, Household Preparedness, Environmental Education)	
	Natural Disaster or Safety-Related School Programs	
	StormReady Certification	No
	Firewise Communities Certification	No

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Capability/Planning Mechanism		Yes/No
Warning Systems / Services	Tree City USA	Yes
	Other (if any)	
	General	
	Flood	
	Wildfire	
	Tornado	
	Geological Hazards	
	Other (if any)	

Is the community able to increase any of its capabilities in the near future? If yes, which capabilities and how will they be improved?

Please rate your jurisdiction's overall capability in the following ways (Limited, Moderate, or High)

Gunnison Overall Capability

Capability	Limited/Moderate/High
Financial Resources to Implement Mitigation Projects	
Staff/Expertise to Implement Projects	
Public Support to Implement Projects	
Time to Devote to Hazard Mitigation	
Ability to Expand and Improve the Identified Capabilities to Achieve Mitigation	

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Gunnison NFIP Information

NFIP Overview	
Date of NFIP Participation:	4/18/1983
Floodplain Administrator:	
Is the Floodplain Administrator a Certified Floodplain Manager?	
Is Floodplain Management an Auxiliary Function?	
Number of NFIP Policies In-Force:	44
Total NFIP Premium (\$):	\$39,592
Total NFIP Coverage (\$):	\$11,199,000
Number of Claims Paid Out:	3
Total Amount of Claims Paid Out (\$):	\$6,331
Number of Repetitive Loss Structures:	-
Number of Severe Repetitive Loss Structures:	-
Is the Community Currently Suspended from the NFIP?	No
Any Outstanding Compliance Issues?	No
FIRMs Digital or Paper?	Both
Located in a RISK Map Area?	No

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Buildings and Valuation in the Floodplain

The planning team acquired GIS parcel data from the County Assessor and Microsoft building footprint data to analyze buildings' location, number, and value in the 100-year and 500-year floodplains. A summary of the results of this analysis is provided in the following tables.

Data to be included at Round 2 Meeting.

Gunnison Buildings and Value in the 100-Year Floodplain

Number of Buildings	Total Building Value	Number of Buildings in Floodplain	Value of Buildings in Floodplain	Percentage of Buildings in Floodplain

Source: County Assessor, 2025; Microsoft, 2025

Gunnison Buildings and Value in the 500-Year Floodplain

Number of Buildings	Total Building Value	Number of Buildings in Floodplain	Value of Buildings in Floodplain	Percentage of Buildings in Floodplain

Source: County Assessor, 2025; Microsoft, 2025

Plans and Studies

Please fill out the plan integration worksheet to add this information.

Future Development Trends

What has changed over the past five years? (For example, new housing or businesses? Demolished buildings? New roads or areas of improvement?) Where did these changes take place?

Were any new structures developed in the floodplain or other hazardous areas? (For example, near chemical sites, the Wildland-Urban Interface, and rockfall areas?) If so, what types of structures and where were they developed?

Were any of the new structures mitigated for specific hazards? If yes, what was done?

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Are any new housing developments or new businesses/industries planned in the near future? Where? Are they going to be located in the floodplain or other hazardous areas?

Does your community have a future land use map? If yes, please provide a copy.

Community Lifelines

As listed in the following table, each participating jurisdiction identified community lifelines vital for disaster response and essential for returning the jurisdiction's functions to normal during and after a disaster per the FEMA Community Lifelines guidance. The FEMA lifeline categories include Safety and Security; Food, Hydration, and Shelter; Health and Medical; Energy; Communications; Transportation; Hazardous Materials; and Water Systems.



Please review the table of community lifelines identified in the past plan and add their address and generator information. Remove any lifelines by crossing them out.

Gunnison Community Lifelines

Name	Address or Intersection	Generator (Y/N)
Airport Administration	519 Rio Grande Ave. Gunnison, CO 81230	
Blackstocks Government Center	221 N. Wisconsin St. Gunnison, CO 81230	
City Community Recreation Center	200 Spencer Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
City Hall	201 W Virginia Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
City Public Works Shop Facilities	1100 W Virginia Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Commercial Business Zones		
County Public Works	195 Basin Park Dr, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Cupola Hill 44		
Division of Wildlife	200 S Spruce St, Gunnison, CO 81230	

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Name	Address or Intersection	Generator (Y/N)
Domestic Water Well Facilities (9 well houses)		
Electrical Sub-Station on Wilson Road		
Emergency Operations Center	510 W Bidwell Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Forest Service Gunnison Basin Field Office Garage		
Forest Service/BLM/NRCS Office Building	216 N Colorado St, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Fred Field Western Heritage Center	298-278 S Spruce St, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Fuel Farm (Lifeline)		
Gunnison Assisted Living Community	300 N 3rd St, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison Communication Center	910 W Bidwell Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison Community School	1099 N 11th St, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison County Courthouse	200 E Virginia Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison County Library	1 Quartz St, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison County Public Safety Center		
Gunnison Fire Station	201 W Virginia Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison High School	800 W Ohio Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison Nursing Home	1500 W Tomichi Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison Police Station	910 W Bidwell Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison Valley Hospital	711 N Taylor St, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Gunnison/Crested Butte Regional Airport	Gunnison–Crested Butte Regional Airport, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Housing Authority and Tourism		
IC Office (Communications – I.C. Wireless)		

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Name	Address or Intersection	Generator (Y/N)
Mountain Meadow Research Center/CSFS		
Office (Communications – Television)		
Oleary Building		
Power Station		
Public Works Garage		
Rodeo Grounds and Extension Office	275 S Spruce St A, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Sewer Treatment Plant	524 Co Rd 32, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Shelter		
U.S. Forest Service Office	216 N Colorado St, Gunnison, CO 81230	
Western State College	1 Western Way, Gunnison, CO 81231	

Please provide a list of additional community lifelines (not identified above) for your community in the table below. Include the address and if they have a backup generator.

Name	Address or Intersection	Generator (Y/N)

Gunnison Community Lifelines Map
A map will be added before the Round 2 Meetings

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Hazard Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Strategy

The Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates a range of natural hazards that pose a risk to the counties, communities, and other participants. During the planning process, the local planning team outlined community vulnerabilities to each hazard and rated their level of concern. Mitigation actions were also identified for each hazard that could impact the community. The following section summarizes this information. For additional information about each hazard, see Section Five and Appendix A.

Avalanche

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Communications Disruption Failure

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

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What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Dam Failure

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

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Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Drought

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

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Earthquake

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

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Extreme Cold

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

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Flooding and Ice Jams

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

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If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Ground Subsidence & Expansive Soils

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

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If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Hailstorm

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

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If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Hazardous Materials Release

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

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If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

High Wind

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

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Landslide/Rockfall/Debris Flow

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

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Lightning

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

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If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Mass Casualty Incident

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

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If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Pandemic

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

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If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Severe Winter Storm

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

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Terrorism & Cyber-Attack

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

What specific vulnerabilities does your district have to this hazard (i.e. areas where occurrences are more frequent, areas where impacts might be higher, vulnerable populations, events that increase vulnerability, etc.)?

Which of your community lifelines (that you identified above) would be impacted by this hazard? Please list out which ones and what the likely impacts would be.

If this hazard were to occur in or near the district, what would be the likely impacts?

Wildfire

Rate your level of concern for this hazard: Low Moderate High

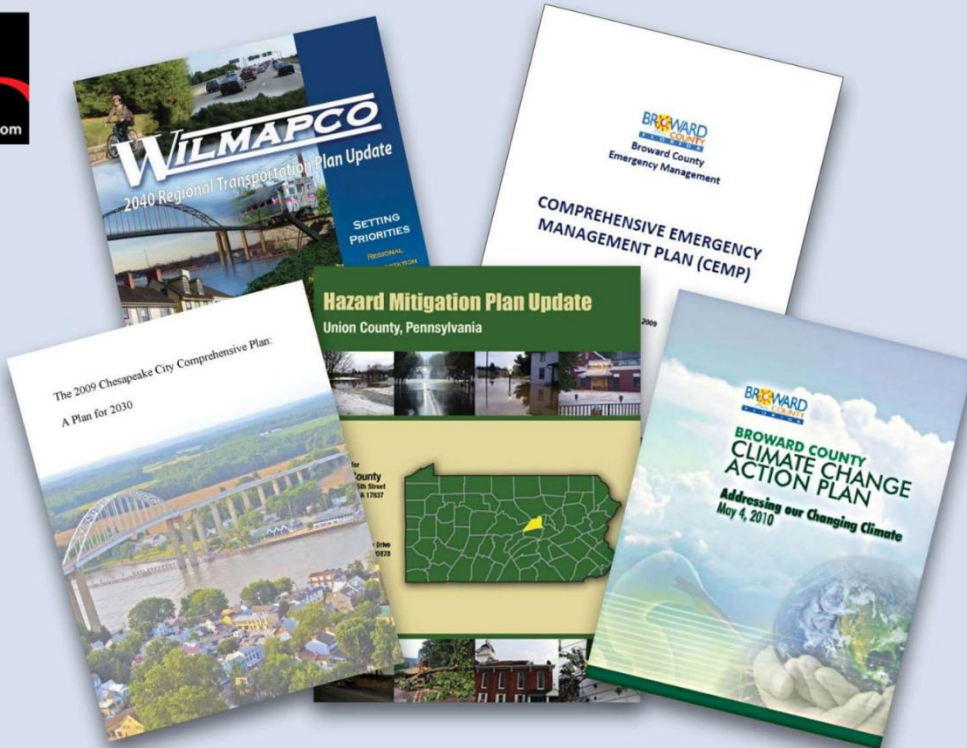
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Round 1 Plan Integration Worksheet



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HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

PLAN INTEGRATION WORKSHEET

JEO CONSULTING GROUP
JUNE 2025

Name(s): _____

Jurisdiction: _____

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for participating in the Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan determines vulnerabilities to natural and human-caused hazards in your jurisdiction, then identifies mitigation projects to reduce or eliminate those vulnerabilities. An approved HMP is a requirement of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for jurisdictions to become eligible for Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants.

FEMA encourages jurisdictions to integrate their hazard mitigation plan with other planning mechanisms, such as their building codes, comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, etc. to ensure that plans across a jurisdiction are consistent and reflect overall goals.

This worksheet will identify the ways that other plans in your jurisdiction are, or could be, aligned with hazard mitigation principles. The information you provide will be used to develop the plan integration section of your jurisdictional profile.

Please complete these worksheets and return them to JEO Consulting Group by Monday July 21, 2025.

Email: kdietrich@jeo.com

Phone: 402-742-7213

Mail: JEO Consulting Group
Attn: Karl Dietrich
2000 Q Street Suite 500
Lincoln, NE 68503

STEP 1

Please complete the following table.

Which of these plans/ordinances does your jurisdiction have?

Plan/Ordinance	Yes/No	Year of most recent update
Comprehensive Plan		
Zoning Ordinance		
Subdivision Regulations		
Floodplain Regulations/Ordinance		
Building Code		
Capital Improvements Plan		
Source Water Protection Plan		
Water System Emergency Response Plan		
Community Wildfire Protection Plan		
Drought Ordinance / Drought Management Plan		
Hazard Specific Ordinances		
Erosion/Sediment Control Plan		
Other:		
Other:		

For any additional plans your community has, e.g. Evacuation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, etc., please send JEO a copy.

STEP 2

For the plans/ordinances which your community has, please complete the relevant pages in this worksheet. You do not have to complete the sections for plans/ordinances which your community does not have.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Does the comprehensive plan discuss natural hazards? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which hazards are discussed and what is discussed?

Does your comprehensive plan:

Direct development away from the floodplain: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Encourage elevation of structures located in the floodplain: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Has the hazard mitigation plan been integrated with the comprehensive plan? If yes, how?

Is there a plan or timeline to update your comprehensive plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain the plan or timeline.

BUILDING CODE

If the building codes are based on the International Building Codes, what year/version is in effect? Have any amendments to the Code been made? If yes, please describe.

How is enforcement of the building code done?

Has the hazard mitigation plan been integrated with the building code? If yes, how?

ZONING ORDINANCE / FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE / SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Is there a plan or timeline to update your Zoning Ordinance / Floodplain Ordinance / Subdivision Regulations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain the plan or timeline.

Do the Zoning Ordinance / Floodplain Regulations / Subdivision Regulations:

Restrict Development in hazard prone areas? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Prohibit development within the floodplain? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Discourage development in the floodplain? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Limit population density in the floodplain? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Require more than one foot of elevation above Base Flood
Elevation in the floodplain? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Consider wildfire and the wildland urban interface? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Include the ability to implement water restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Do the plans discuss other natural hazards? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

If yes, which hazards are discussed and what is discussed?

Has the hazard mitigation plan been integrated into these planning documents? If yes, how?

**DROUGHT ORDINANCE / DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN / SOURCE WATER
PROTECTION PLAN / WATER SYSTEM EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN /
EROSION OR SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN**

Please provide an electronic copy or a link of the plan(s) to JEO.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Is there a plan or timeline to update your Capital Improvement Plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain the plan or timeline.

Does the Capital Improvement Plan include:

Stormwater projects? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Upsizing of culverts and drainage structures? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Radio Communication Upgrades? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Widening roadways that would improve evacuations? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Bridge improvements? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Upsizing water distribution pipes? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Installing water meters for residential structures? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Updating electrical distribution system? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Burying powerlines? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Installing emergency generators in critical facilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Emergency Operations Center / Emergency Coordination Center
Construction/Upgrades ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Constructing a new fire hall? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Constructing a new police headquarters? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Constructing a new public works facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Constructing/Upgrade 911 Communication Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Constructing a community storm shelter? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Constructing a new water treatment facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In future update

Has the hazard mitigation plan been integrated with the capital improvement plan? If yes, how?

HAZARD SPECIFIC ORDINANCES

What hazards are discussed in these ordinances?

Please provide an electronic copy or a link to the ordinances.

Round 1 Stakeholder Worksheet

Gunnison County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan Stakeholder Hazard Prioritization

Organization _____ Name(s) _____

As part of the Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan, the following hazards are evaluated at the county level. Stakeholders are encouraged to participate in this planning process by identifying top hazards of concern which may impact their organization or community they are a part of. Furthermore, your input to the planning process ensures identified mitigation efforts are appropriate and consistent with the communities you work with or the populations you serve and represent. Top hazards of concern may include those which have produced significant damage to facilities, power outages, injuries or fatalities, or a lack of adequate resources, etc.

From the list below, please identify your top three hazards of concern.

- ☐ Avalanche
- ☐ Communication Disruption
- ☐ Dam Failure
- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Earthquake
- ☐ Extreme Cold
- ☐ Flooding & Ice Jams
- ☐ Ground Subsidence & Expansive Soils
- ☐ Hailstorm
- ☐ Hazardous Materials Release
- ☐ High Wind
- ☐ Landslide/Rockfall/Debris Flow
- ☐ Lightning
- ☐ Mass Casualty Incident
- ☐ Pandemic
- ☐ Severe Winter Storm
- ☐ Terrorism & Cyber-Attack
- ☐ Wildfire

Which of the above hazards are of top concern?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In the space below, please provide some detail for each of the hazards you identified as to why they are of top concern, including past event descriptions, damages, and areas of concern.

Hazard #1: _____

Hazard #2: _____

Hazard #3: _____

Round 2 Meeting Invitation

Meeting Invitation



August 1, 2025

RE: Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan Round Two Public Meeting

Dear Hazard Mitigation Planning Participant,

Gunnison County is moving forward with the second phase and meetings of its Hazard Mitigation Plan update. **You are receiving this letter because your jurisdiction's attendance is required in order to continue participation in this planning effort.** The intent of these meetings is to gather and review vital information including updating previous mitigation actions, providing NFIP information, identifying new mitigation actions, and reviewing previously collected data.

FEMA requires at least one representative from your jurisdiction to attend the planning meeting. This is the second and last meeting required in this planning process. Please **attend** the upcoming meeting shown below. The meeting will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. The meeting can be attended in-person or virtually.

The second round of planning meeting will be held in:

- **Gunnison:** Tuesday, **September 9, 10:00 am – 11:30 am** at the Gunnison County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 510 W Bidwell Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230
 - Or Join Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84933169950>

If you are joining online, you can access and download your jurisdiction's meeting worksheets starting September 1st by visiting this Google Drive link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PEG1gELfMehE8aWm6IH0ZqjICWzUvs-t?usp=sharing>.

Please RSVP to one of the meetings by contacting Sam Otte, JEO Project Coordinator, at (402) 366-1319 or sotte@jeo.com. We are looking forward to seeing you at the second round of meetings!

Sincerely,

Karl Dietrich, Planner
JEO Consulting Group
On behalf of Gunnison County Emergency Management

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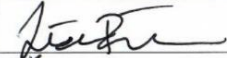
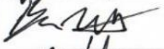
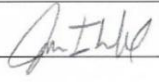
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Round 2 Sign-In Sheets

Round 2 In-Person Sign-In Sheets

Gunnison County Hazards Meeting
"Round 2 Meeting"
 September 9, 2025 – 10:00 AM

NAME	TITLE	DISTRICT/JURISDICTION Represented	PHONE	EMAIL	SIGNATURE
Lisa Bickford	Gunnison County OEM	Gunnison County	(720) 325-3907	lbickford@gunnisoncounty.org	
Ryan White	Gunnison County OEM	Gunnison County	(970) 641-7690	rwhite@gunnisoncounty.org	
Phil Luebbert	Project Manager	JEO Consulting Group	(402) 443-4661	pluebbert@jeo.com	
Carolyn De Groot	Town Engineer	Town of Crested Butte		cdegroot@crestedbutte-co.gov	
Nicole Bogenschuetz	District Engineer	Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District	(970) 349-7575 x 107	nbogenschuetz@mcbwsd.com	
Matt Da Silva	Director of Security	Western Colorado University	(970) 901-9857	mdasilva@western.edu	
Katya Schloesser	Curriculum Developer	Colorado University	(505) 681-2364	katya.schloesser@colorado.edu	
Sean Caffrey	Chief Executive Officer	Crested Butte Fire Protection District	(970) 349-5333	scaffrey@cbfd.org	
Mike Lee	IT Director	City of Gunnison	(970) 641-8179	mlee@gunnisonco.gov	
Hugo Ferchau	Fire Marshal	Gunnison County Fire	(970) 641-8153	hferchau@gunnisonco.gov	
JASON HUMBLE	MITIGATION SPECIALIST	DHSEM		jason.humble@state.co.us	

Please Sign In!

Round 2 Online Sign-In Sheet**Virtual Attendance**

First Name	Last Name	Jurisdiction
Karl	Dietrich	JEO
Carolyn	de Groot	Town of Crested Butte
Karl	Oliver	Carbondale Fire
Shannon	Hessler	Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Melissa	Geatz	Bureau of Reclamation
Hillary	Seminick	Gunnison County
Matt	Da Silva	Western Colorado University
Hugo	Ferchau	Gunnison Fire
Rachel	Blondy	Gunnison County

Round 2 Example Participant Profile with Questions

Community Profile

City of Gunnison

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Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Worksheets Due By: _____

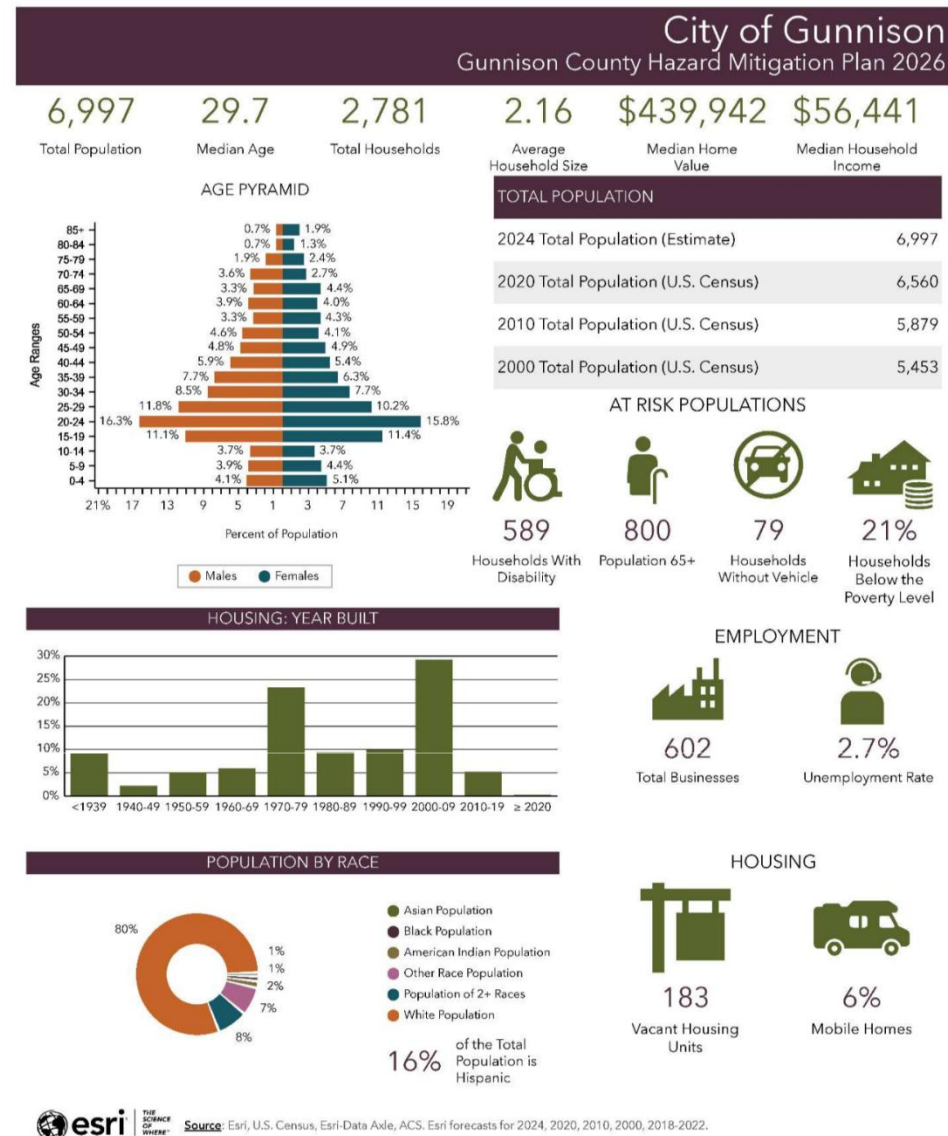
Please answer the questions in red italics. Your responses are critical for completing this Community Profile.

Completed Community Profiles and other worksheets can be returned to JEO Consulting Group, Attn: Karl Dietrich, 2000 Q Street Ste 500, Lincoln, NE 68503, or kdietrich@jeo.com. If you have any questions, please call 402-742-7213.

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Community Fact Sheet

Community Summary Fact Sheet



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Local Planning Team

Gunnison Local Planning Team

Name	Title	Jurisdiction	Round 1 Meeting	Round 2 Meeting
Anton Sinkewich	Community Development Director	City of Gunnison	Attended	
Sam Costello	Police Chief	City of Gunnison	Attended	
Mike Lee	IT Director	City of Gunnison	Attended	
Pete Rice	Public Works Director	City of Gunnison	Attended	
Hugo Ferchau	Fire Chief	Gunnison Fire Protection District	Attended	

Plan Maintenance

Hazard Mitigation Plans are living documents and should be updated regularly to ensure effectiveness and reflect changes in hazard events, priorities, and mitigation actions. These updates are encouraged to occur after every major disaster event, alongside planning document updates, before the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants cycle begins, and/or prior to other funding opportunity cycles beginning.

For your jurisdiction, what positions are responsible for reviewing and updating the profile outside of the five-year update?

Position: Community Development Director

Position: Police Chief

Position: IT Director

Position: Public Works Director

Please indicate how frequently your jurisdiction intends to review/revise the profile. (circle one)

Every 6 months

Annually

Bi-annually

How will your jurisdiction notify and involve the public in the plan review and revision? (For example, social media, website updates, letters to all residents, board/council meetings, etc.)

City Council meetings and associated notice to the public. Substantial revisions will include notice through the local newspaper and social media.

Capability Assessment

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The planning team assessed the City of Gunnison's hazard mitigation capabilities by reviewing planning, regulatory, administrative, technical, fiscal, education, warning, and outreach capabilities. The city does not anticipate adding any additional capabilities in the near future, however, existing capabilities may be updated.

Fill in any missing information highlighted in red below.

Gunnison Capability Assessment

Capability/Planning Mechanism		Yes/No
Planning & Regulatory Capability	Comprehensive Plan	Yes
	Capital Improvements Plan	Yes
	Economic Development Plan	Yes
	Emergency Operations Plan	Yes
	Floodplain Management Plan	Yes
	Stormwater Management Plan	Yes
	Zoning Ordinance	Yes
	Subdivision Regulation/Ordinance	Yes
	Floodplain Ordinance	Yes
	Building Codes	Yes
	Water System Emergency Response Plan	No
	Source Water Protection Plan	No
	National Flood Insurance Program	Yes
	Community Rating System	Yes
	Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Yes (County)
	Growth Management Ordinance	No
	Hazard Specific Ordinances	
	Erosion/Sediment Control Plan	Yes
	Flood Insurance Study	Yes
	Elevation Certificates	Yes
	BCEGS Rating	Yes
	Other (if any)	Resiliency Roadmap
Administrative & Technical Capability	Planning Commission	Yes
	Planner/Engineer (Land Development)	Yes
	Planner/Engineer/Scientist (Natural Hazards)	Yes
	Resilience Planner	No
	Transportation Planner	Yes
	Floodplain Administrator	Yes
	GIS Capabilities	Yes
	Chief Building Official	Yes
	Engineering (Construction)	Yes
	Emergency Manager	Yes
	Grant Manager	Yes

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Capability/Planning Mechanism		Yes/No
	Mutual Aid Agreement	Yes
	Site Plan Review Requirements	Yes
	Other (if any)	-
Fiscal Capability	1- & 6-Year Plan	Yes
	Applied for Grants in the Past	Yes
	Awarded a Grant in the Past	Yes
	Authority to Levy Taxes for Specific Purposes, such as Mitigation Projects	Yes
	Gas/Electric/Water/Sewer Service Fees	Yes
	Stormwater Service Fees	No
	Development Impact Fees	No
	General Obligation Revenue or Special Tax Bonds	No
	Withheld Spending in Hazard-Prone Areas	No
	Other (if any)	-
Education & Outreach Capability	Local Citizen Groups or Non-Profit Organizations Focused on Environmental Protection, Emergency Preparedness, Access and Functional Needs Populations, etc.	Yes
	Ongoing Public Education or Information Program (e.g., Responsible Water Use, Fire Safety, Household Preparedness, Environmental Education)	Yes
	Natural Disaster or Safety-Related School Programs	Yes
	StormReady Certification	No
	Firewise Communities Certification	No
	Tree City USA	Yes
	Other (if any)	-
Warning Systems / Services	General	Yes
	Flood	No
	Wildfire	No
	Tornado	No
	Geological Hazards	No
	Other (if any)	-

(We could put "per county?"

Gunnison Overall Capability

Capability	Limited/Moderate/High
Financial Resources to Implement Mitigation Projects	Moderate
Staff/Expertise to Implement Projects	Moderate
Public Support to Implement Projects	High
Time to Devote to Hazard Mitigation	Limited

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Capability	Limited/Moderate/High
Ability to Expand and Improve the Identified Capabilities to Achieve Mitigation	Moderate

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National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Gunnison NFIP Information

NFIP Overview	
Date of NFIP Participation:	4/18/1983
Floodplain Administrator:	Eric Jansen
Is the Floodplain Administrator a Certified Floodplain Manager?	Yes
Is Floodplain Management an Auxiliary Function?	Yes
Number of NFIP Policies In-Force:	44
Total NFIP Premium (\$):	\$39,592
Total NFIP Coverage (\$):	\$11,199,000
Number of Claims Paid Out:	3
Total Amount of Claims Paid Out (\$):	\$6,331
Number of Repetitive Loss Structures:	-
Number of Severe Repetitive Loss Structures:	-
Is the Community Currently Suspended from the NFIP?	No
Any Outstanding Compliance Issues?	No
FIRMs Digital or Paper?	Both
Located in a RISK Map Area?	No

Buildings and Valuation in the Floodplain

The planning team acquired GIS parcel data from the County Assessor and Microsoft building footprint data to analyze buildings' location, number, and value in the 100-year and 500-year floodplains. A summary of the results of this analysis is provided in the following tables.

Gunnison Buildings and Value in the 100-Year Floodplain

Number of Buildings	Total Building Value	Number of Buildings in Floodplain	Value of Buildings in Floodplain	Percentage of Buildings in Floodplain
2,524	\$657,838,680	198	\$45,371,230	7.8%

Source: County Assessor, 2025; Microsoft, 2025

Gunnison Buildings and Value in the 500-Year Floodplain

Number of Buildings	Total Building Value	Number of Buildings in Floodplain	Value of Buildings in Floodplain	Percentage of Buildings in Floodplain
2,524	\$657,838,680	78	\$10,312,920	3.1%

Source: County Assessor, 2025; Microsoft, 2025

Plans and Studies

The City of Gunnison has several planning documents that discuss or relate to hazard mitigation. Each plan is listed below, along with a description of how it is integrated with the hazard mitigation plan or contains hazard mitigation principles. When the City updates these planning mechanisms, the local planning team will review the hazard mitigation plan for opportunities to incorporate the goals and objectives, risk and vulnerability data, and mitigation actions into the update. Unless otherwise specified below, the hazard mitigation plan has not been integrated into these or other planning mechanisms.

Building Code (2021)

The building code sets standards for constructed buildings and structures. The City of Gunnison's building codes are based on the 2021 International Building Code. Codes regulate and govern

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the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures by providing the standards for supplied utilities, facilities, and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupation and use.

Capital Improvement Plan

The purpose of the capital improvement plan is for the city to strategize how to budget for nonrecurring physical or digital purchases. A capital improvement plan typically spans five or more years and includes financing plans. The plan includes the following: installing water meters for residential structures, updating the electrical distribution system, burying power lines, installing emergency generators in critical facilities, constructing a new fire hall, and constructing a new water treatment facility. Recommendations from past, all-hazards planning have been built into the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

What year was your CIP created? Annually

Comprehensive Plan (2020)

The comprehensive plan is designed to guide the future actions and growth of the city. It has chapters on land use and development, environment, and infrastructure with sustainability and resiliency woven throughout. Drought is indirectly discussed by having a goal of growing the population without a net-increase in water consumption. The floodplain is also discussed with a recommendation to prevent development in flood-prone areas. The local planning team is anticipating an update to this plan in 2026.

Floodplain Regulations/Ordinance (2014), Subdivision Regulations (2014), and Zoning Ordinance (2014)

The city's floodplain regulations, subdivision regulations, and zoning ordinance outline where and how development should occur in the future. The documents include the following: it requires more than one foot elevation about Base Flood Elevation in the floodplain and considers wildfire and the wildland urban interface. The city's timeline to update these documents is anticipated for the fall of 2025.

Gunnison County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (2025)

The City of Gunnison is part of the Gunnison County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The Gunnison County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) identifies wildfire risk and outlines a plan to reduce those risks and enhance preparedness. It also defines the wildland-urban interface, identifies locations where vegetation management should occur first, and discusses possible wildfire mitigation actions. Wildfire projects from the previous hazard mitigation plan were incorporated into the CWPP. Applicable projects identified in the Gunnison County CWPP have been included as a mitigation action in this profile.

One Valley Resiliency Roadmap (2023)

The One Valley Resilience Roadmap provides shared goals and strategies to help regional partners work together to improve housing affordability, coordinate land use, transportation and infrastructure planning, and increase civic capacity. Partners in the plan include Gunnison County, City of Gunnison, Town of Crested Butte, and Mt. Crested Butte. One of the priorities is advancing climate action and environmental stewardship. The plan also calls for avoiding growth in hazard areas such as landslide areas and floodplains. The hazard mitigation plan has not been integrated into the roadmap.

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Stormwater Management Manual (2012)

The City of Gunnison's Stormwater Management Manual sets the criteria and design standards for stormwater management during development. It includes minimum standards, guidelines, hydrology, street drainage, outlet structures, detention, stormwater quality, and best management practices. The hazard mitigation plan has not been integrated into the Stormwater Management Manual.

Future Development Trends

Since 2020, new developments have occurred on the east, west, and north sides of the city, in addition to a number of higher-density infill housing and institutional projects within the existing city fabric.

On the city's eastern edge, a new Bureau of Land Management headquarters building and FedEx distribution facility have been completed, and access roads and electrical, water, and sewer infrastructure have been installed on the south side of HWY 50. Additional new road access and infrastructure improvements have been completed north of HWY 50, extending College Avenue to the east. Additional housing units are anticipated in this area in the near future.

On the west side of the city, the Lazy K Housing development created a total of 65 housing units and park improvements on a four plus acre site. FEMA flood map updates are anticipated to include portions of this development area. In response, the city implemented a 1-foot freeboard requirement based on Flood Damage Prevention Regulations.

On the north side of the city, the city's north electrical substation was expanded to serve potential new development.

Significant institutional and infill projects have also been implemented within the city, including:

- ☐ New Gunnison County Public Library
- ☐ Renovation of the Gunnison / Crested Butte Regional Airport
- ☐ Paintbrush Apartments including 76 housing units
- ☐ Garden Walk Apartments including 36 housing units
- ☐ Sawtooth Housing Development Phases 1 (18 units) and 2 (32 units).

In the near future, development is anticipated in West Gunnison which may accommodate 500+ units, potential new businesses, and community amenities. The east side of Gunnison (Gunnison Rising) is anticipating 64+ new housing units soon, and currently underway infrastructure planning seeks to facilitate additional new housing units and businesses in the Gunnison Rising area. The city and county are also engaged in cooperative planning to facilitate potential development to the north of the city limits, however no specific projects are currently underway or immediately anticipated. These new units and development areas are not located in known hazard areas.

The new and planned developments increases the city's risk and vulnerability to drought, earthquakes, hailstorms, high winds, and severe winter storms because more buildings could be impacted. The Lazy K housing increases risk and vulnerability to flooding and wildfire, however, that risk is reduced as those homes have been mitigated.

Since 2000, the City of Gunnison has gained approximately 1,500 people, a 28% increase in population. Increasing populations are associated with more robust hazard mitigation and emergency planning requirements for development. Growing populations can also increase tax

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revenues, allowing communities to pursue additional mitigation projects. Over 35% the population is between the ages of 20 and 35. This population group is likely very active and could see increased risk to hazards that impact popular recreation areas or activities. The minority population in the county is around 20%. Minorities may face increased vulnerability as they tend to have access to fewer financial and systemic resources that would enable them to implement hazard mitigation projects and to respond and recover from hazard events.

Community Lifelines

As listed in the following table, each participating jurisdiction identified community lifelines vital for disaster response and essential for returning the jurisdiction's functions to normal during and after a disaster per the FEMA Community Lifelines guidance. The FEMA lifeline categories include Safety and Security; Food, Hydration, and Shelter; Health and Medical; Energy; Communications; Transportation; Hazardous Materials; and Water Systems.



Please fill out generator information.

Gunnison Community Lifelines

CL Number	Name	Community Lifeline Type	Generator (Y/N)	Floodplain (Y/N)
1	Airport Administration	Transportation		No
2	Blackstocks Government Center	Safety and Security		No
3	City Community Recreation Center	Safety and Security	Yes	No
4	City Hall	Safety and Security	Yes	No
5	City Public Works Shop Facilities	Transportation	No	Yes
6	Commercial Business Zones*			No
7	County Public Works			No
8	Cupola Hill 44			No
9	Division of Wildlife	Safety and Security		No
10	Domestic Water Well Facilities (9 well houses)*		Varies	N/A
11	Electrical Sub-Station on Wilson Road			No
12	Emergency Operations Center	Safety and Security		No
13	Forest Service Gunnison Basin Field Office Garage	Safety and Security		No
14	Forest Service/BLM/NRCS Office Building	Safety and Security		No
15	Fred Field Western Heritage Center			No
16	Fuel Farm (Lifeline)	Transportation		No
17	Gunnison Assisted Living Community	Health and Medical		No
18	Gunnison Community School			No
19	Gunnison County Courthouse	Safety and Security		No

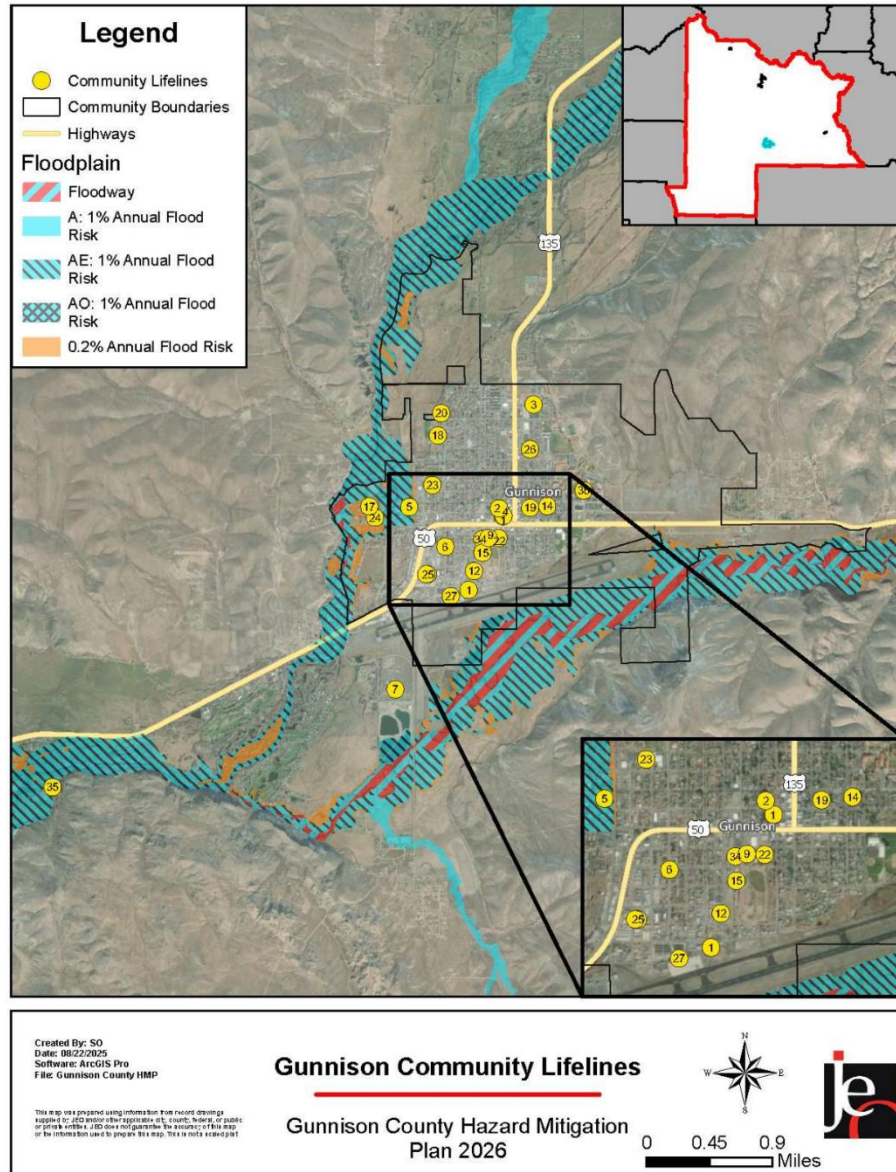
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CL Number	Name	Community Lifeline Type	Generator (Y/N)	Floodplain (Y/N)
20	Gunnison County Library			No
21	Gunnison County Public Safety Center	Safety and Security		No
22	Gunnison Fire Station	Safety and Security		No
23	Gunnison High School			No
24	Gunnison Nursing Home	Health and Medical		No
25	Gunnison Police Station/Communication Center	Safety and Security	Yes	No
26	Gunnison Valley Hospital	Health and Medical	Yes	No
27	Gunnison/Crested Butte Regional Airport			No
28	Housing Authority and Tourism			No
29	IC Office (Communications – I.C. Wireless)			No
30	Mountain Meadow Research Center/CSFS			No
31	Office (Communications – Television)			No
32	Oleary Building			No
33	Power Station			No
34	Rodeo Grounds and Extension Office			No
35	Sewer Treatment Plant			Yes
36	Western State College		Yes	No

*Not mapped as there is no physical location or for security purposes.

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Gunnison Community Lifelines Map



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Hazard Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Strategy

The Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates a range of natural hazards that pose a risk to the counties, communities, and other participants. During the planning process, the local planning team outlined community vulnerabilities to each hazard and rated their level of concern. Mitigation actions were also identified for each hazard that could impact the community. The following section summarizes this information. For additional information about each hazard, see Section Five and Appendix A.

Review Mitigation and Strategic Actions

Please review the following mitigation and strategic actions identified in the previous HMP, make any changes needed, and fill in missing information. Mark if each action has been completed, kept, or should be removed and describe the current status of the action.

Note: FEMA now requires that every hazard identified in the plan must have at least one mitigation action that addresses it.

Action	Dam Emergency Action Plans			
Description & Location	Follow the USACE Taylor Reservoir Emergency Action Plan that includes annually review flood planning, notification flowcharts, establish contingency plans and evacuation routes. Perform organized individual dam or regional Emergency Action Plan exercises; drill, tabletop, and/or functional. Identify and establish contingency plans for communications and transportation.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Dam Failure			
Estimated Cost	Developed through USACE			
Local Funding	NA			
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Lead Agency	USACE and Gunnison County			
Update (circle one)	Completed	Keep	Remove	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why? funding	
Status	USACE will lead the effort in collaborating with state and local agencies to create an updated EAP.			

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Action	Drought Monitoring			
Description & Location	The Drought Contingency plan primarily covers the Gunnison River Basin, which includes the Gunnison Valley and surrounding regions within the jurisdiction of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD). The plan is focused on managing water supplies for municipal, agricultural, and environmental needs within this basin. The plan outlines a staged approach to drought management, with defined drought stages based on reservoir storage levels, streamflow data, and other hydrological indicators. The City is specifically reviewing the diversification of water resources to create redundancy. Each stage prescribes specific water use restrictions, conservation measures, and public communication strategies to reduce water demand during drought conditions. It emphasizes proactive monitoring and data collection to assess drought severity and determine appropriate response actions. The plan incorporates coordination among multiple agencies, including the UGRWCD, local municipalities, and other stakeholders.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Drought			
Estimated Cost	\$50 million			
Local Funding	Partial; loans; grants			
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Lead Agency	Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District			
Update (circle one)	Completed	Keep	Remove	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why? Funding	
Status	Completing the plan update by February 2026			
Action	Work to establish redundancy in emergency communication lifelines: 911 communications, emergency radio services, and other means of emergency communication. Establish plan to remediate damage to existing resources quickly in the event of a break.			

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Description & Location	Assess and identify repeater sites, mostly in remote and exposed locations, to ensure communication during wildland fire, avalanche, severe weather events.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Avalanche, Extreme Cold, High Wind, Lightning, Severe Winter Storm, Wildfire			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Lead Agency	GHETSA			
Update (circle one)	Completed	Keep	Remove	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Status	Ongoing			

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Action	Implement Projects Identified in CWPPs			
Description & Location	Implementation of landscape scale fuels reduction projects as well as defensible space projects as identified in the Gunnison County CWPP and other community specific CWPPs.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Wildfire			
Estimated Cost	Varies Depending on Project			
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Lead Agency	Upper Gunnison Shared Stewardship Council (Lead), Gunnison County Emergency Management, Gunnison County Fire Protection District			
Update (circle one)	Completed	Keep	Remove	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Status	What is the current status of this project?			

Action	Defensible Space and Other Wildfire Regulations			
Description & Location	Develop defensible space and other wildfire regulations as a requirement and/or limit new development in high-risk areas.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Wildfire			
Estimated Cost	Staff Time			
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Lead Agency	GCFPD			
Update (circle one)	Completed	Keep	Remove	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Status	What is the current status of this project?			

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Action	Drainage Improvements			
Description & Location	Make improvements to the water drainage west of 8 th Street on the Lazy K property to increase the capacity to handle flood waters. Improve critical road sections crossing the waterway to accommodate higher water flows to ensure access to at risk populations.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Flooding and Ice Jams			
Estimated Cost	Staff Time			
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Lead Agency	Public Works Director			
Update (circle one)	Completed	Keep	Remove	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Status	What is the current status of this project? Completed Stormwater Master Plan in 2025. Incorporating actuals into CIP plans.			

Removed Mitigation and Strategic Actions

Action	NFIP Compliance
Description & Location	Continue compliance with the NFIP.
Hazard(s) Addressed	Flooding
Status	Removed, as continued compliance with the NFIP is not a true mitigation action.

New Mitigation and Strategic Actions

Please Identify mitigation actions your jurisdiction is interested in pursuing or interested in applying for grant funding. Complete the table(s) below. Please fill out all rows. For examples of mitigation actions, review the provided FEMA Handbook (https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-mitigation-ideas_02-13-2013.pdf) or reach out to a JEO Project Contact.

Note: FEMA now requires that every hazard identified in the plan must have at least one mitigation action that addresses it.

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Action	Avalanche Maintain or develop multi-agency agreements and plans with local first response entities for initial response, mitigation, and reunification of affected community members. Establish agreements for mutual aid specific to building inspection officials. Reliance on State and Federal resources for long-term recovery. Provide education to the community and schools in what to do should an earthquake occur and how to respond.			
Description & Location	Most of the high angle slopes and conditions that would contribute to avalanche are situated outside of the City of Gunnison. While snowfall itself is a risk, avalanche is less so. No community lifelines are likely to be affected by this hazard. However, if an avalanche were to occur, it would likely be in a neighboring jurisdiction, which would call for mutual aid emergency response.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Avalanche			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	<u>Ongoing</u>
Priority	High	<u>Medium</u>		<u>Low</u>
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	City of Gunnison, Gunnison County Fire Protection District, Gunnison Police Department			
Status	<u>Ongoing</u>			

Action	Communications Disruption / Failure Work to establish redundancy in emergency communication lifelines: 911 communications, emergency radio services, and other means of emergency communication. Establish plan to remediate damage to existing resources quickly in the event of a break.		
Description & Location	The City of Gunnison currently relies on a single internet service provider (ISP) that services the area with fiber optic lines, with only		

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	two primary connections. While these connections provide some level of redundancy, they also present a vulnerability: if both lines are compromised—due to excavation, sabotage, or a terrorist threat—there is a significant risk of entire community lifelines, particularly telecommunications and internet services, being disrupted. Such an outage could affect the community for a short to extended period, impeding critical communication, emergency response, and daily operations. To mitigate this risk, the city will develop and implement emergency communication systems that can remain operational even if both fiber connections are severed. This includes establishing redundant radio communications and alternative network systems to ensure continued connectivity, support emergency response efforts, and maintain critical services during disruptions. These measures will enhance the resilience of community infrastructure and improve preparedness for potential communication failures.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Severed Communications			
Estimated Cost	Unknown			
Local Funding	Unknown			
Timeline	1 Year	<u>2-5 Years</u>	5+ Years	<u>Ongoing</u>
Priority	High	<u>Medium</u>	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	If no, why? Funding	
Lead Agency	Gunnison County, GCFPD and City of Gunnison			
Status	Ongoing			

Action	Dam Failure
Description & Location	Taylor Dam is situated northwest of Almont, which is about ten miles north of the City of Gunnison. The dam retains water that flows in the Taylor River, which empties into the Gunnison River in Almont. The Gunnison River then flows through the City of Gunnison. If this dam were to fail, an unpredicted extreme flow from the Gunnison River would cause potential flooding in the municipal jurisdiction.

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	This could cause the displacement of residents and services, as well as overwhelming the emergency response resources in the City.			
	The city will follow the USACE lead for the Taylor Reservoir Emergency Action Plan, establish evacuation routes, educate the public through programs, prioritize the most vulnerable and collaborate with jurisdictions as described in the EAP.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Dam Failure			
Estimated Cost	Unknown			
Local Funding	No			
Timeline	1 Year	<u>2-5 Years</u>	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	<u>Low</u>	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	<u>No</u>	If no, why? Jurisdiction	
Lead Agency	USACE and County			
Status	Ongoing			

Action	Drought
Description & Location	According to the Federal Government (www.drought.state.gov/colorado), drought affects 100% of the Gunnison population at one time or another. If drought conditions become extreme, all of the community lifelines have the potential to be impacted. Potential impacts include water restrictions for the community and the need to seek outside assistance for water resources outside of the Gunnison Valley. The Drought Contingency plan primarily covers the Gunnison River Basin, which includes the Gunnison Valley and surrounding regions within the jurisdiction of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD). The plan is focused on managing water supplies for municipal, agricultural, and environmental needs within this basin.

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	The plan outlines a staged approach to drought management, with defined drought stages based on reservoir storage levels, streamflow data, and other hydrological indicators. The City is specifically reviewing the diversification of water resources to create redundancy. Each stage prescribes specific water use restrictions, conservation measures, and public communication strategies to reduce water demand during drought conditions. It emphasizes proactive monitoring and data collection to assess drought severity and determine appropriate response actions. The plan incorporates coordination among multiple agencies, including the UGRWCD, local municipalities, and other stakeholders.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Drought			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding	UGRWCD			
Timeline	1 Year	<u>2-5 Years</u>	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	<u>Medium</u>	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	UGRWCD			
Status	Completing the plan update by February 2026			

Action	Earthquake
	Maintain or develop multi-agency agreements and plans with local first response entities for initial response, mitigation, and reunification of affected community members. Establish agreements for mutual aid specific to building inspection officials. Reliance on State and Federal resources for long-term recovery. Provide education to the community and schools in what to do should an earthquake occur and how to respond.
Description & Location	While some seismic activity has been monitored in the Gunnison region, the likelihood of a significant earthquake event is considered low. However, if an earthquake were to occur in the City, all

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	community lifelines have the potential to be impacted. Potential impacts include risks to life safety and property damage.			
	To ensure continuity of essential services during a seismic event, the city plans to develop redundant communication systems, including emergency radios and backup networks, independent of the primary fiber connections. These safeguards are designed to maintain critical lifelines, such as telecommunications and emergency services, even if infrastructure is damaged or disrupted by an earthquake. This proactive approach aims to strengthen community resilience, minimize damage, and facilitate rapid response and recovery efforts following seismic incidents.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Earthquake			
Estimated Cost	Unknown			
Local Funding	None			
Timeline	1 Year	<u>2-5 Years</u>	5+ Years	<u>Ongoing</u>
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why? Funding	
Lead Agency				
Status	Ongoing: some components in place, others under development.			

Action	<u>Severe Winter Storm</u> Work to educate the community on hazards of extreme cold. Develop plan to house affected residents in community shelter.
Description & Location	As reported by the local planning team, the City of Gunnison experiences rather extreme winter conditions, including very cold temperatures and regular winter storms. While the community is accustomed to these events, variance toward a more severe event is a moderate risk. All community lifelines would be potentially affected in a severe event that stretches the normal response resources to mitigate. Potential impacts include reduced mobility for the entire community and longer response times for emergency and public works services.

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Hazard(s) Addressed	Extreme Temperatures/Winter Storm			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	<u>Ongoing</u>
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	City of Gunnison, Gunnison County Emergency Management, Gunnison County Fire Protection District			
Status	<u>Not yet started</u>			

Action	Terrorism & Cyber-Attack
	Maintain strong cybersecurity infrastructure, staff, practices, and related policies. Develop redundancies which allow for continued service if a potential attack were successful. Local law enforcement as well as State and Federal agencies would also be critical to mitigation and response to identify the source of the threat.
Description & Location	The City of Gunnison is at risk of a cyberattack on critical operating systems, like water and wastewater systems and city networks, including internet and phone operating systems. Most of the vulnerable physical infrastructure is in areas that are not commonly used by the public nor monitored by law enforcement. Terrorism remains a less likely but still potential vulnerability to electric, water/wastewater, communications (cell, internet), and building infrastructure (government or university buildings) community lifelines. Namely, water and wastewater management are at risk of this sort of threat. Compromised City networks could hinder or severely limit operations (unusable computer systems limited business operations, release of confidential data including PII, CJIS, operations). This could cause the temporary loss of operating systems and the need for emergency response.
Hazard(s) Addressed	Cyberattack/Terrorism
Estimated Cost	

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Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	<u>Ongoing</u>
Priority	<u>High</u>	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	<u>Yes</u>	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency				
Status	City of Gunnison, Gunnison County Emergency Management			

Action	Extreme Cold <u>Work to educate the community on hazards of extreme cold. Develop plan to house affected residents in community shelter. Bolster mutual aid agreements to ensure adequate building inspection officials in the event of mass property damage.</u>			
Description & Location	The City of Gunnison and the surrounding area are routinely amongst the coldest areas in the country during the winter. Due to this being routine, the community and city resources are well-suited and equipped in this regard. The potential for frozen pipes and/or heating failures would impact city buildings and cause displacement temporarily, but services are redundant in this regard and could be replicated at or from alternate sites for short periods of time.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	<u>Extreme Cold Temperatures</u>			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	<u>1 Year</u>	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium		Low
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	City of Gunnison			

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Status	Not yet started			
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Action	Flooding and Ice Jams			
Description & Location	The City of Gunnison lies in the Gunnison Valley, through which runs the Gunnison River. There are several tributary waterways of differing sizes that fill the Gunnison from higher elevations surrounding the Valley. These waterways are largely runoff from ice melt and other kinds of precipitation, although groundwater sources do exist as well. The city, lying in the low ground, poses some risk of flooding, particularly in areas adjacent to the river, as flows increase and decrease based upon environmental events. Ice could pose a risk as well given the climate and environmental factors in Gunnison. According to the local planning team, most community lifelines are out of the way of risk from river flooding or ice jams, except for emergency services that could be affected should a jam damage critical infrastructure, like a bridge. Potential impacts from flooding or ice jam events include risks to life safety, property damage and infrastructure damage.			
Hazard(s) Addressed				
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency				
Status				

Action	Lightning			
	Building code compliance. Ongoing agreement for protection under the Gunnison County Fire Protection District. Establish and maintain			

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	redundancies for services potentially affected by lightning and related fire threat.			
Description & Location	Gunnison County and the surrounding area experience all levels of thunderstorm and lightning-related events, year-round. Lightning strikes are more uncommon in the Gunnison Valley (where the City is situated) than they are on surrounding high ground, which encircles the community. That said, the risk still exists and could impact structures that may be struck as well as the inherent risk of fire that comes with lightning strikes. As reported by the local planning team, the risk for community lifelines to be affect is low, as most critical infrastructure can withstand the impact and/or have back-up generators and a relatively fast response time for fire suppression resources. Potential impacts do include fire and interruptions in service if a telecommunications tower were struck and incapacitated, although there are redundancies and contingency plans in place for most services.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Lightning			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	<u>Ongoing</u>
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	Gunnison County Fire Protection District			
Status	Ongoing			
Action	HazMat Release			
	Primary response will come from the Gunnison County Fire Protection District and, with a significant release, by augmented by County, State, and Federal resources guided by all applicable protocols and plans. The Gunnison Police Department and other City resources are available to provide assistance as well. Refer to Gunnison County Fire Protection District for more detailed planning.			

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	HazMat Release			
Description & Location	The City of Gunnison has two major highways that bisect the jurisdiction. Commercial vehicles carrying hazardous materials are common on both highways. A leak or other release of this material in or near the city is a significant risk. The most significant community lifeline risk is to the water supply due to flow or seepage into the water table and/or storm drains. This would cause the need for significant fire/emergency response, followed by stabilization of the scene and affected water resources.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Hazardous Materials Release			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	Gunnison County Fire Protection District			
Status	Ongoing			

Action	
Description & Location	Ground Subsidence and Expansive Soils Creation of a City GIS Data set mapping soil conditions and age of building permits issued in potentially sensitive areas. Areas defined may require additional inspection or mitigation. The vast majority of Gunnison sits on Type B soil, which consists of well drained materials like silts, sand and gravels with moderate stability, which allow for reasonable water movement and are less prone to expansive qualities. The ground can be vulnerable to movement, but it does have a good infiltration rate. If this hazard were to occur, infrastructure related services would have the potential to be impacted by structural shifting/movements.
Hazard(s) Addressed	Ground Subsidence and Expansive Soils
Estimated Cost	

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Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	City of Gunnison Community Development			
Status	Under Development			

Action	High Wind			
Description & Location	The Gunnison Valley experiences variable winds, which can be significant at times. Community lifelines have the potential to be impacted if the above ground power lines are affected by high winds. This could cause short-term power outages or above ground utility delays/outages.			
Hazard(s) Addressed				
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency				
Status				

Action	Hailstorm
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	Engage public education campaign aimed at the dangers to persons and property of heavy hail. Identify areas affected community members can seek shelter as well as what to do to protect property.			
Description & Location	The Gunnison area, like most alpine environments, experiences rather extreme and unpredictable weather variances. One of these occurrences can be hail of varying sizes, although snow is more likely. According to the local planning team, hail is not likely to cause significant damage to any of the community lifelines. However, there is potential for infrastructure damage with a severe hailstorm event.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Heavy Hail			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	City of Gunnison			
Status	Not yet started			

Action	Rock Fall/Debris			
Description & Location	As reported by the local planning team, most areas that pose a risk to this hazard are outside of the jurisdictional boundary of the City of Gunnison. No community lifelines are anticipated to be affected by this hazard, and potential impacts are most likely to be the call for mutual aid from neighboring communities. Maintain or develop multi-agency agreements and plans with local first response entities for initial response, mitigation, and reunification of affected community members. Establish agreements for mutual aid specific to building inspection officials. Reliance on State and Federal resources for long-term recovery. Provide education to the community and schools in what to do should a rockfall/slide occur and how to respond.			

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Hazard(s) Addressed	Rockfall/Landslide			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency				
Status	Not yet started			

Action	Mass Casualty Establish run, hide, fight training at Western Colorado University and in the public school system. Mandate ongoing certification in such training. Work cooperatively with other local first response agencies to train for occurrences of this nature and how to respond.			
Description & Location	Gunnison is home to Western Colorado University, which, when in session, has about 3,000 undergraduate and graduate college students. About 1,200 students reside in campus housing (dorms) and, as in most universities, anywhere from 10 to 1000 students may be present at classes, university sporting events, or other university events. This makes Western Colorado University the main, at-risk community lifeline. Potential impacts include the need for law enforcement, paramedic, fire, and emergency room services in response to this hazard.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Mass casualty			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing

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Priority	<u>High</u>	Medium	Low
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?
Lead Agency	Gunnison Police Department, Gunnison County Fire Protection District, Gunnison Valley Health, Gunnison County Emergency Management		
Status	Ongoing		

Action	Pandemic			
	Primary response to this threat is through Gunnison Valley Health and the Gunnison County Department of Health.			
Description & Location	Western Colorado University, as stated above, has a large number of students, faculty, and staff that reside and/or are in close proximity to each other during the academic year. University sporting and other events contribute to the risk in this regard as well. The main potential impacts from this hazard include overwhelming hospital resources and pandemic services.			
Hazard(s) Addressed	Pandemic			
Estimated Cost				
Local Funding				
Timeline	1 Year	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Priority	High	Medium	Low	
Do you have the capability to implement this project at this time?	Yes	No	If no, why?	
Lead Agency	GVH, Gunnison County Health			
Status	Not yet started			

Avalanche
Level of Concern: Low

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Most of the high angle slopes and conditions that would contribute to avalanche are situated outside of the City of Gunnison. While snowfall itself is a risk, avalanche is less so. No community lifelines are likely to be affected by this hazard. However, if an avalanche were to occur, it would likely be in a neighboring jurisdiction, which would call for mutual aid emergency response.

Communications Disruption / Failure

Level of Concern: Moderate

The City of Gunnison has one provider that services the area with fiber lines. With only two lines, these lines are vulnerable to being cut during excavation, subversion, or a terrorist threat. This has the potential to impact all of the community lifelines, especially telecommunications and internet services. This could result in a loss of short-to-long period service.

Dam Failure

Level of Concern: Moderate

Taylor Dam is situated northwest of Almont, which is about ten miles north of the City of Gunnison. The dam retains water that flows in the Taylor River, which empties into the Gunnison River in Almont. The Gunnison River then flows through the City of Gunnison. If this dam were to fail, an unpredicted extreme flow from the Gunnison River would cause potential flooding in the municipal jurisdiction. This could cause the displacement of residents and services, as well as overwhelming the emergency response resources in the City.

Drought

Level of Concern: Moderate

According to the Federal Government (www.drought.state.gov/colorado), drought affects 100% of the Gunnison population at one time or another. If drought conditions become extreme, all of the community lifelines have the potential to be impacted. Potential impacts include water restrictions for the community and the need to seek outside assistance for water resources outside of the Gunnison Valley.

Earthquake

Level of Concern: Low

While some seismic activity has been monitored in the Gunnison region, the likelihood of a significant earthquake event is considered low. However, if an earthquake were to occur in the City, all community lifelines have the potential to be impacted. Potential impacts include risks to life safety and property damage.

Extreme Cold

Level of Concern: High

The City of Gunnison and the surrounding area are routinely amongst the coldest areas in the country during the winter. Due to this being routine, the community and city resources are well-suited and equipped in this regard. The potential for frozen pipes and/or heating failures would impact city buildings and cause displacement temporarily, but services are redundant in this regard and could be replicated at or from alternate sites for short periods of time.

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Flooding and Ice JamsLevel of Concern: ~~Moderate~~ High

The City of Gunnison lies in the Gunnison Valley, through which runs the Gunnison River. There are several tributary waterways of differing sizes that fill the Gunnison from higher elevations surrounding the Valley. These waterways are largely runoff from ice melt and other kinds of precipitation, although groundwater sources do exist as well. The city, lying in the low ground, poses some risk of flooding, particularly in areas adjacent to the river, as flows increase and decrease based upon environmental events. Ice could pose a risk as well given the climate and environmental factors in Gunnison. According to the local planning team, most community lifelines are out of the way of risk from river flooding or ice jams, except for emergency services that could be affected should a jam damage critical infrastructure, like a bridge. Potential impacts from flooding or ice jam events include risks to life safety, property damage and infrastructure damage.

Ground Subsidence & Expansive Soils

Level of Concern: Moderate

The vast majority of Gunnison sits on Type B soil, which consists of well drained materials like silts, sand and gravels with moderate stability, which allow for reasonable water movement and are less prone to expansive qualities. The ground can be vulnerable to movement, but it does have a good infiltration rate. If this hazard were to occur, infrastructure related services would have the potential to be impacted by structural shifting/movements.

Hailstorm

Level of Concern: Moderate

The Gunnison area, like most alpine environments, experiences rather extreme and unpredictable weather variances. One of these occurrences can be hail of varying sizes, although snow is more likely. According to the local planning team, hail is not likely to cause significant damage to any of the community lifelines. However, there is potential for infrastructure damage with a severe hailstorm event.

Hazardous Materials Release

Level of Concern: High

The City of Gunnison has two major highways that bisect the jurisdiction. Commercial vehicles carrying hazardous materials are common on both highways. A leak or other release of this material in or near the city is a significant risk. The most significant community lifeline risk is to the water supply due to flow or seepage into the water table and/or storm drains. This would cause the need for significant fire/emergency response, followed by stabilization of the scene and affected water resources.

High WindLevel of Concern: ~~Moderate~~ High

The Gunnison Valley experiences variable winds, which can be significant at times. Community lifelines have the potential to be impacted if the above ground power lines are affected by high winds. This could cause short-term power outages or above ground utility delays/outages.

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Landslide/Rockfall/Debris Flow

Level of Concern: Low

As reported by the local planning team, most areas that pose a risk to this hazard are outside of the jurisdictional boundary of the City of Gunnison. No community lifelines are anticipated to be affected by this hazard, and potential impacts are most likely to be the call for mutual aid from neighboring communities.

Lightning

Level of Concern: Moderate

Gunnison County and the surrounding area experience all levels of thunderstorm and lightning-related events, year-round. Lightning strikes are more uncommon in the Gunnison Valley (where the City is situated) than they are on surrounding high ground, which encircles the community. That said, the risk still exists and could impact structures that may be struck as well as the inherent risk of fire that comes with lightning strikes. As reported by the local planning team, the risk for community lifelines to be affected is low, as most critical infrastructure can withstand the impact and/or have back-up generators and a relatively fast response time for fire suppression resources. Potential impacts do include fire and interruptions in service if a telecommunications tower were struck and incapacitated, although there are redundancies and contingency plans in place for most services.

Mass Casualty Incident

Level of Concern: Moderate

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Pandemic

Level of Concern: Moderate

Western Colorado University, as stated above, has a large number of students, faculty, and staff that reside and/or are in close proximity to each other during the academic year. University sporting and other events contribute to the risk in this regard as well. The main potential impacts from this hazard include overwhelming hospital resources and pandemic services.

Severe Winter Storm

Level of Concern: Moderate

As reported by the local planning team, the City of Gunnison experiences rather extreme winter conditions, including very cold temperatures and regular winter storms. While the community is accustomed to these events, variance toward a more severe event is a moderate risk. All community lifelines would be potentially affected in a severe event that stretches the normal response resources to mitigate. Potential impacts include reduced mobility for the entire community and longer response times for emergency and public works services.

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Terrorism & Cyber-Attack

Level of Concern: High

The City of Gunnison is at risk of a cyberattack on critical operating systems, like water and wastewater systems and city networks, including internet and phone operating systems. Most of the vulnerable physical infrastructure is in areas that are not commonly used by the public nor monitored by law enforcement.

Terrorism remains a less likely but still potential vulnerability to electric, water/wastewater, communications (cell, internet), and building infrastructure (government or university buildings) community lifelines. Namely, water and wastewater management are at risk of this sort of threat. Compromised City networks could hinder or severely limit operations (unusable computer systems limited business operations, release of confidential data including PII, CJIS, operations). This could cause the temporary loss of operating systems and the need for emergency response.

Wildfire

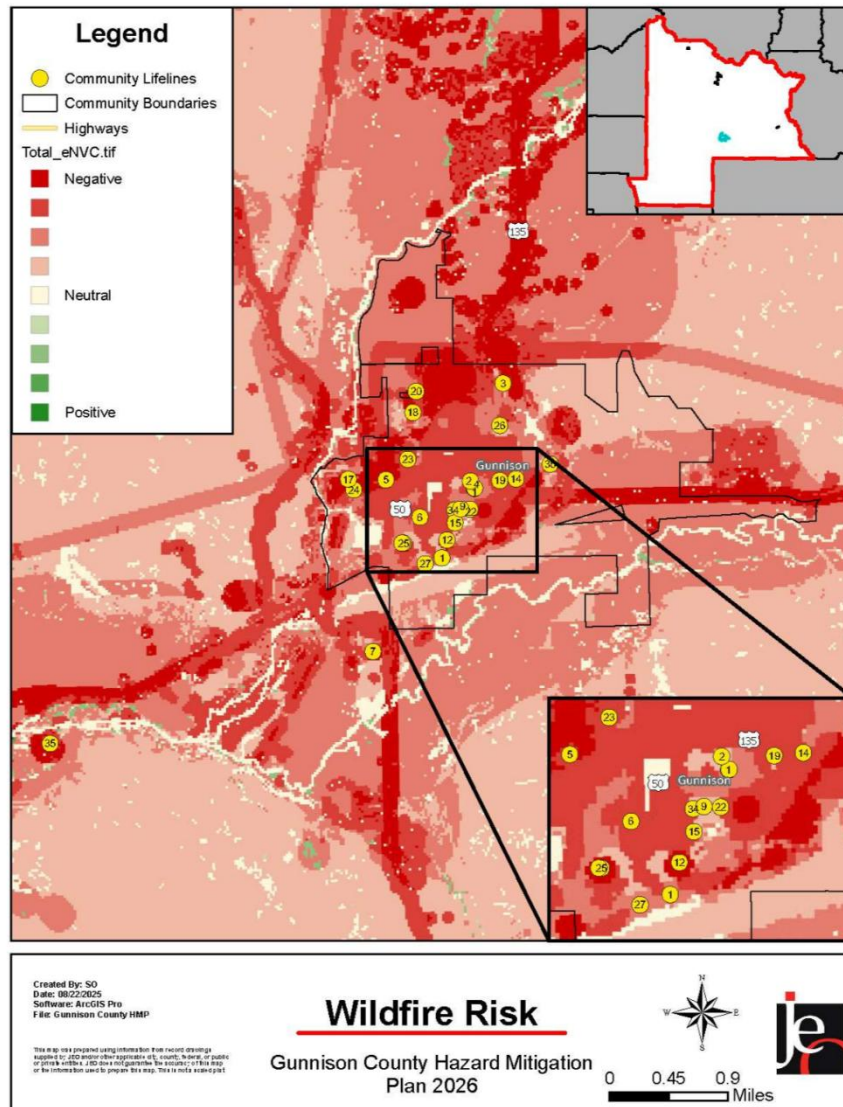
Level of Concern: Moderate

The City of Gunnison (and surrounding areas) experience a moderate risk for wildfire, primarily from weather-related incidents and human caused events in the arid and dry environment. According to the local planning team, the City itself is well-irrigated, adequately fire protected, and situated such that the risk is low to moderate. This risk is considered moderate overall given the higher wildfire risk in the area surrounding the city limits. While all community lifelines have the potential to be impacted by a wildfire event, fire response and suppression would almost certainly be swift and adequate to protect critical structures and infrastructure. However, potential impacts include smoke and the related health and quality of life impacts, and the commitment of significant fire resources to a potential event. The map below shows the eNVC or the composite wildfire risk for different areas in the fire district. Community lifelines have a negative composite wildfire risk.

Wildfire Risk in the Crested Butte Fire Protection District

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Round 2 NFIP Worksheet



National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Worksheet

GUNNISON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2026



JEO CONSULTING GROUP
SEPTEMBER 2025

Name(s): _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Please return this worksheet to JEO Consulting Group by Monday October 6, 2025. It can be emailed to Karl Dietrich at kdietrich@jeo.com or mailed to JEO Consulting Group, Attn: Karl Dietrich, 2000 Q Street Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68503.

NFIP QUESTIONS

Is your Floodplain Administrator a Certified Floodplain Manager? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your Floodplain Administrator have duties other than floodplain management? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your community plan to continue involvement with the NFIP & CRS in the future?

Please explain your community's floodplain permitting process.

How does your community enforce local floodplain regulations and ensure compliance?

Do your floodplain regulations exceed FEMA or State of Colorado Requirements? If yes, in what ways?

What digital tools (FEMA Map Service Center, National Flood Hazard Layer) or non-regulatory tools does your Floodplain Administrator use?

How does your community identify substantially damaged structures after a flood event?

How does your community identify substantially improved structures?

What are the barriers (if any) to running your NFIP program effectively?

Describe any areas of flood risk in your community that have limited NFIP Policy Coverage. Why do they have limited coverage?

How does your community educate property owners or other stakeholders about the importance of flood insurance?

How are Letters of Map Change tracked and compiled?

When was the most recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC)?

Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed?

Public Review Notification Email

Email to be added after Public Review.

Public Review Comments Received

Participating jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the State of Colorado Departments could provide comments and changes to the hazard mitigation plan during the Public Review Period, which lasted from May 6, 2026, to May 27, 2026. Comments could be supplied to the Gunnison County Planning Team via email or phone.

Comments from Public Review to be added later.

Adoption Resolution Template

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring jurisdictions to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Gunnison County, CO, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the county and participating jurisdictions located within the planning area by identifying the hazards that affect _____ and prioritize mitigation actions and strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of _____ in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of _____ does herewith adopt the most recent and FEMA approved version of the Gunnison County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 in its entirety; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

President of the Board

ATTEST:

Clerk