Natural Hazard Action Item Proposal Form

Proposed Action Item:	Alignment with Plan Goals:
Inform public officials about the Natural Hazards Mitigation	Increase Education, Outreach, and
Plan.	Awareness

Rationale for Proposed Action Item:

- o The turnover for public officials in Northeast Oregon is relatively high; newcomers should be briefed on community capacity, existing plans and policies, and personnel capabilities.
- Before a crisis occurs, public officials can prepare communities, risk managers, government spokespersons, public health officials, the news media, physicians, and hospital personnel with appropriate messages that can help build public confidence in public officials and the measures they recommend
- o The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that the Natural Hazard Mitigation plan includes a method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle [201.6(c)(4)(i)]. When public officials are more informed about the mitigation plan, it is more likely that the plan will be implemented and maintained on a regular basis, and that any methods and schedules for monitoring, evaluating, and updating the plan are continued.

Ideas for Implementation:

- Develop public official information kit that can be distributed to elected officials and community decision makers. The kit should include pertinent information regarding the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as well as the risk the County faces.
- Publicize the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and send a copy to public officials.
- Create a brief memo for public officials that lists pertinent information regarding the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Within the memo, create a list of persons involved in developing and/or implementing the plan, prioritized mitigation actions, and funding source descriptions.

Coordinating Organi	zation:	Regional Steering Committee		
Internal Partners:			External Partners:	
Counties and participating cities in Region 7		in Region 7	Partners for Disaster Resistance and Resilience	
Timeline:			If available, estimated cost:	
Short Term (0-2 years) Long Term (2-4 or more years)		4 or more years)		
Short Term				
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