Oregon
NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

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6. CENTRAL
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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
Cover images: Oregon Department of Transportation, https://www.flickr.com/photos/oregondot/, Generic (CC BY 2.0) license. Clockwise from top left: Breached irrigation ditches resulted in flooding and freeway closures in eastern Oregon on I-84 near Echo, February 8, 2020; Burning underbrush, Milepost 97 Fire, July 29, 2019; Overhead view of rock scaling on OR 99 E near Oregon City, November 10, 2018; ODOT snow plowing, October 25, 2010; An ODOT incident responder keeps an eye on the road during a snowstorm, October 23, 2012; Crews begin to make repairs to U.S. 101 north of Brookings at the Hooskanadan Slide, winter 2018-19; Rock fall, OR 99E Canemah, Oregon City, November 4, 2018.
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Mr. Mike O’Hare
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Dear Mr. O’Hare,

The State of Oregon is pleased to submit the updated Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The plan’s stated mission, “Create a disaster-resilient State of Oregon,” is supported by its vision that, ultimately, “Natural hazard events result in no loss of life, minimal property damage, and limited long-term impacts to the economy.” The plan contains the most complete and up-to-date description of Oregon’s natural hazards and their probability, the State’s vulnerabilities, its mitigation strategies, and implementation capability. It is the result of a coordinated effort overseen by the State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team, a collaborative body providing expertise and support for natural hazard mitigation planning and implementation statewide.

The Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan meets the requirements of Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, as well as those of 44 CFR 201 and 206, maintaining the State of Oregon’s eligibility for Stafford Act assistance and non-disaster hazard mitigation programs. The plan includes a Repetitive Loss Strategy, meeting the requirements of 44 CFR §201.4(c)(3)(v), which qualifies the state to request increased funding for mitigating repetitive loss properties under the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.

I hereby adopt the Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and assure that the State of Oregon will continue to comply with all applicable federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding in compliance with 44 CFR 13.11(c), and will amend this plan as necessary to reflect changes in state or federal statutes and regulations as required in 44 CFR 13.11(d).

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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Federal Emergency Management Agency Approval

September 21, 2020

Honorable Kate Brown
Governor, State of Oregon
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Reference: Updated Approval of the State of Oregon Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Governor Brown:


A FEMA-approved State Mitigation Plan is a condition of receiving certain non-emergency Stafford Act assistance and FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Public Assistance Categories C-G
- Fire Management Assistance Grants
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance
- Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam Grant Program

FEMA Region 10 has determined that the State Mitigation Plan addresses all dam risks for high hazard potential dams and the State of Oregon (State) is therefore eligible for the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Grant Program.

FEMA has determined that the State Mitigation Plan includes a Repetitive Loss Strategy that meets the requirements set forth in 44 CFR §201.4(e)(3)(v) and qualifies the State to request an increased Federal share for repetitive loss properties under the FMA program.

State Mitigation Plans must be updated and resubmitted to FEMA Region 10 for approval. If the plan is not updated by the date indicated on this FEMA approval letter, the plan is considered lapsed and FEMA will not obligate funds for the programs listed above until the State Mitigation Plan is approved by FEMA.

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If at any time over the plan approval period, FEMA determines that the State is not complying with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives funding or is unable to fulfill mitigation commitments, FEMA may take action to correct the noncompliance (44 CFR §201.3(b)(5) and 201.4(c)(7)).

The State is responsible for communicating with local and tribal officials, as applicable, interested in applying through the State for FEMA assistance. FEMA encourages states to communicate with the appropriate officials regarding mitigation plan status and eligibility requirements. At a minimum of every six months, FEMA will provide to the State written information on mitigation plans, including but not limited to:

- Local and tribal, as applicable, mitigation plan expiration dates;
- Consequences of not having a FEMA-approved local or tribal, as applicable, mitigation plan with respect to eligibility for HMA programs;
- Availability of mitigation planning training and technical assistance; and
- Upcoming funding opportunities.

The State is responsible for reviewing and submitting approvable mitigation plans to FEMA. If the State is not submitting approvable mitigation plans, FEMA will provide feedback as well as technical assistance or training, as needed.

In addition, FEMA will provide a reminder to the State, at a minimum, 12 months prior to the plan expiration date, of the consequences of not having a FEMA-approved mitigation plan with respect to eligibility for the FEMA assistance programs that require FEMA-approved mitigation plan as a condition of eligibility. To maintain eligibility for the programs listed above, and the State must submit a draft of the next plan update prior to the end of the approval period and allow sufficient time for the review and approval process, including any revisions, if needed, and for formal adoption by the State of Oregon following determination by FEMA that the plan has achieved a status of “Approvable Pending Adoption.”

We look forward to continuing a productive relationship between FEMA, Region 10, and the State of Oregon. Please contact our Mitigation Division Director, Kristen Meyers, at 425-487-4543 with any questions or for further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure