



## MEMO

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To: BoCC

Subject: Update to CRS Activity 510 Progress Report on Implementation of Credited Plan

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Name of Community: Mesa County

Name of Plan: Mesa County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Date of Adoption of Plan: May 2015- 5 year revision

Reporting Period: 2017-May 2018

*Background: Mesa County's Hazard Mitigation Plan provides its vision for reducing the County's risk from flooding and other natural hazards. The plan identifies strategic actions, resources, and future risks that may require action.*

1. How can a copy of the original plan or area analysis report be obtained: A copy can be found on the Mesa County Website at [www.mesacounty.us](http://www.mesacounty.us)
2. Describe how this evaluation report was prepared and how it was submitted to the governing body, released to the media, and made available to the public:

The migration plan was completed in 2004 and approved by FEMA in January 2005. The 2004 plan was revised in 2009/2010 pursuant to the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which requires a 5-year revision. The Mesa County Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers the following local

governments, special district and authorities that participated in the planning process and who identified future mitigation projects for their jurisdiction. The following participated in the planning process: Mesa County, City of Grand Junction, City of Fruita, Town of Collbran, Town of Palisade, Town of DeBeque, Lower Valley Fire Protection District, 521 Drainage Authority, Plateau Valley Fire Protection District, Grand Junction Fire Department, Grand Junction Rural Fire Police Department, and the Debeque Fire Protection District. The county's planning process followed a methodology prescribed by FEMA, and much of the information contained in the plan was developed using jurisdictional information, plans and documents. Mesa County's process began with the formation of a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) comprised of key stakeholders from Mesa County, participating jurisdictions, and state and Federal agencies. The HMPC conducted a risk assessment that identified and profiled hazards that pose a risk to Mesa County, assessed the County's vulnerability to these hazards, and examined the capabilities in place to mitigate them. The County is vulnerable to several hazards that are identified, profiled and analyzed in the plan. However, floods, wildfires, and rockfalls-landslides are among the hazards that have a significant impact on the County and are the hazards that specific mitigation projects have been identified.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan was formally adopted by the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners and the governing bodies of each participating jurisdiction and will again be revised within a five-year timeframe.

Mesa County's Hazard Mitigation Planning effort started with a kick-off meeting on July 22, 2014. The Mesa County Emergency management Department mailed letters to county, municipal, district, state, and federal stakeholder representatives inviting representatives to attend the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and participate in the process. Four meetings were held with the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee to gather data, develop mitigation actions, and review the draft plan. The HMPC discussed options for involving the public during the development of this plan. The plan was posted to the County's website at: [www.mesacounty.us](http://www.mesacounty.us) for review and comment and notice was published in the journal of record for Mesa County.

Copies of the draft plan were distributed to emergency managers in the neighboring jurisdictions of Garfield County, Pitkin County, Delta County, and Montrose County. These Counties were invited to provide input and comment on Mesa County's plan. Additionally the Colorado Division of Emergency Management Field Manager for the 10-County, Northwest Region was a member of the HMPC and involved in the planning process. During the drafting of the plan, the review period was open from December 10, 2014 to December 25, 2014. Public comments were integrated into a final draft for submittal to the Colorado Division of Emergency management and FEMA region VIII.

The updated plan will be published on the Mesa County Website to update the citizens of Mesa County. A copy of this memo will be submitted to the County Commissioners.

3. Provide a description of the implementation of each recommendation or action item in the action plan or area analysis report, including a statement on how the project was implemented or not implemented during the previous year:

Mitigation Action Matrix			
Jurisdiction	Action	Priority	Progress
Multi-Jurisdictional	Orchard Mesa	Medium	FEMA funding secured. Construction began in 2017, and the detention basin will be complete by June 2018.
Mesa County	Adobe Creek	Medium	Currently this is listed as a lower ranking project. No change to the progress.
Multi-Jurisdictional	Bosley Wash	Medium	FEMA Funding secured. Construction will begin during the summer of 2018.
Multi-Jurisdictional	Leach Creek	Medium	The City of Grand Junction is currently working on this project.
NFIP Compliance		Medium	CWCB and Mesa County are working on updating maps.

4. Discuss why any objectives were not reached or why implementation is behind schedule:

Implementation is ahead of schedule. We completed design for 2 projects in 2017 and started construction on one project in 2017, and will begin construction on the other project by Summer 2018.

5. What are the recommendations for new projects or revised recommendations?

Since the Mitigation Plan was written, Mesa County secured 2 FEMA grants. Those grants were used to design and build Orchard Mesa Detention pond, and Bosley

Wash. The construction activities are currently active, and anticipate construction activities to be complete by the end of 2018.

The next project that is on the schedule is Douglas Wash. This is a very large project and will require significant time and funding to complete this project.