

Apache County Begins Work on Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

A planning team of representatives from Apache County, Eagar, Springerville and St Johns are participating in a county-wide hazard mitigation planning update process. The purpose of this process is to update the current Apache County Hazard Mitigation Plan, previously approved by FEMA on 11/30/2011. Local, county, tribal and state governments are required to have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation grant funds and in some cases, other types of disaster funding. The hazard mitigation plan focuses on the communities' most threatening hazards and establishes a strategy to reduce the impact from those hazards to protect people and property and to create safer, more resilient communities. The Planning Team anticipates having a plan draft in July 2017, at which time public access to the updated plan draft will be provided, with the opportunity to again comment.

You may view the 2011 Apache County Hazard Mitigation Plan at www.co.apache.az.us/emergency-management.

For more information or should you have questions regarding the hazard mitigation planning process, please contact Beverly Parks at: bparks@co.apache.az.us