

**Jackson County**  
**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

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**DATE:** September 20, 2023  
**TO:** Residents of the Town of Butte Falls  
**FROM:** Trish Callahan, Mayor  
**SUBJECT:** Press Release for the Town of Butte Falls addendum to the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment

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*For Immediate Release*

**Town of Butte Falls seeks additional public input on  
update to Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

(Town of Butte Falls, OR) – Town of Butte Falls is in the process of updating their existing Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). This work is being performed in cooperation with the University of Oregon’s Institute for Policy Research and Engagement - Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience and the Oregon Department of Emergency Management utilizing funds obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. With re-adoption of the plan, Town of Butte Falls will regain its eligibility to apply for federal funding towards natural hazard mitigation projects. This local planning process includes a wide range of representatives from city and county government, emergency management personnel, and outreach to members of the public in the form of an electronic survey.

A natural hazard mitigation plan provides communities with a set of goals, action items, and resources designed to reduce risk from future natural disaster events. Engaging in mitigation activities provides jurisdictions with a number of benefits, including reduced loss of life, property, essential services, critical facilities, and economic hardship; reduced short-term and long-term recovery and reconstruction costs; increased cooperation and communication within the community through the planning process; and increased potential for state and federal funding for recovery and reconstruction projects.

An electronic version of the updated draft Town of Butte Falls NHMP addendum will be available for formal public comment beginning September 20, 2023. To view the draft please visit: <https://townofbuttefalls.com>

If you have any questions regarding the Town of Butte Falls NHMP addendum or the update process in general, please contact: Trish Callahan, Mayor (541) 865-3262 or [bfmayor@gmail.com](mailto:bfmayor@gmail.com) or Michael Howard, Director for the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience at [mrhoward@uoregon.edu](mailto:mrhoward@uoregon.edu).