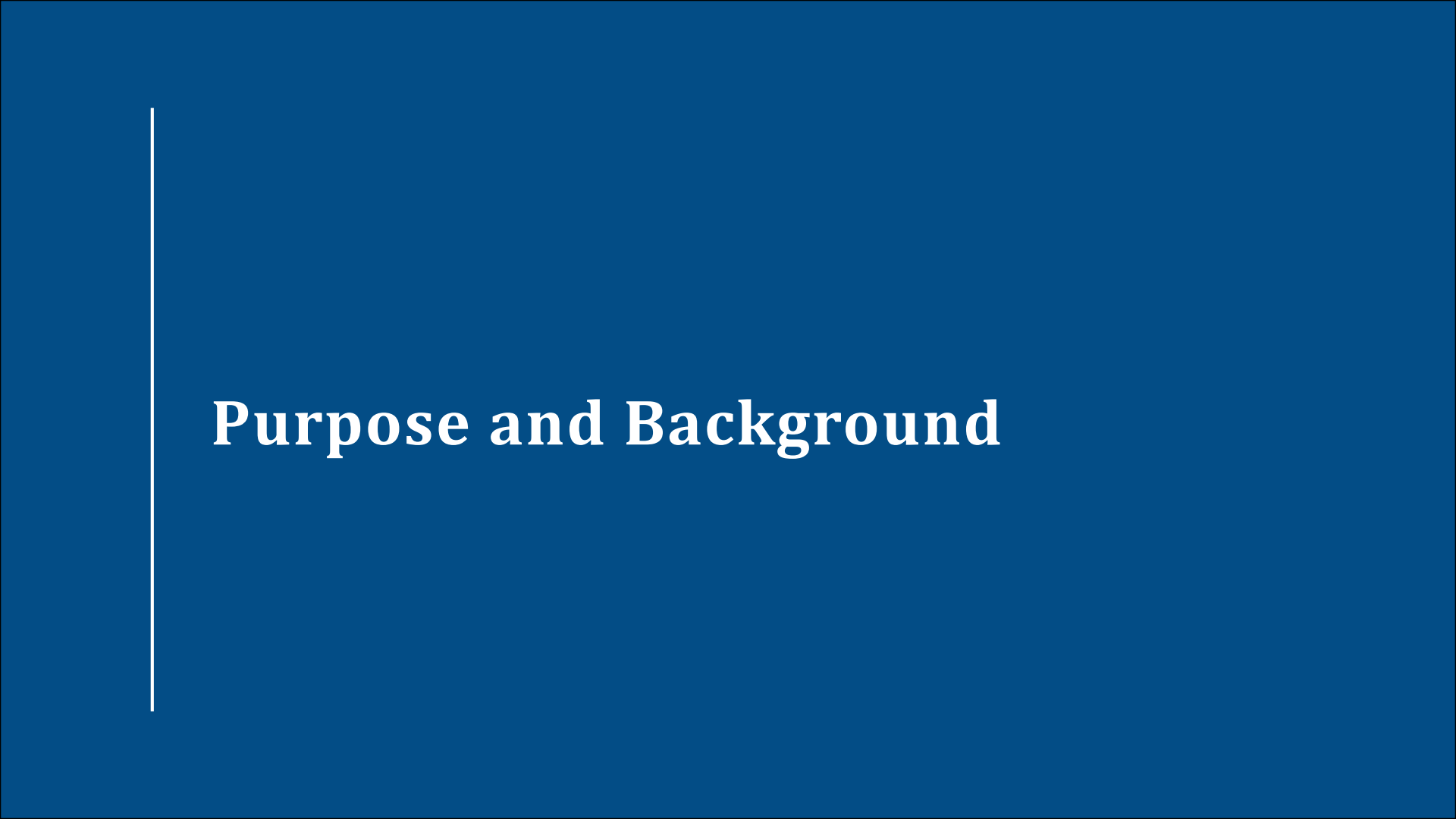


Pikes Peak Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Purpose and Background

Purpose of Today's Presentation

- Provide an overview of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).
- Explain why adoption is required to keep FEMA funding eligibility.
- Show how the plan reduces risk and strengthens community resilience.
- Request approval to adopt the 2026 HMP.



Purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)

- **Assess risks and develop strategies** to reduce or prevent impacts from natural or human-caused hazards, such as injury, loss of life, property damage, and service disruptions.
- **Maintain a current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)** to stay eligible for federal funding and post-disaster assistance.
- Use the HMP as a framework to:
 - Prioritize investments.
 - Coordinate regional efforts.
 - Implement proactive measures that strengthen community resilience before disasters.



Five Goals of HMP

Goal 1 - Reduce Loss of Life and Injury

Goal 2 - Reduce Property and Economic Loss

Goal 3 - Promote Risk and Threat Awareness
within the Pikes Peak Region

Goal 4 - Incorporate Hazard Mitigation into
Future Plans and Policies

Goal 5 - Continuity of Governance



BRIC Grant

- PPROEM, in coordination with El Paso County, secured a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant to fund the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- Federal share: \$79,769.
- Local share: \$26,590, met through in-kind contributions from staff and partner time.
- Tetra Tech provided technical expertise and facilitated the plan update process.



Participating Jurisdictions

- El Paso County
- City of Colorado Springs
- City of Fountain
- City of Manitou Springs
- Town of Calhan
- Town of Green Mountain Falls
- Town of Monument
- Town of Palmer Lake
- Town of Ramah





Hazards and Mitigation Actions

Region's Hazards

- **Wildfire**
- **Flood**
 - Heavy/Prolonged **Rainfall**
 - Dam/Levee Failure
- **Geologic**
 - **Landslide**/Rockfall
 - Earthquake
 - Mud or Debris Flow
 - Subsidence and Sinkholes
- **Severe Weather**
 - Winter Storm
 - Wind
 - Tornado
 - Hail
 - Lightning
 - Drought and Extreme Heat
- **Human-Caused**
 - **Cyber Attack**
 - Hazardous Materials Incident
 - Extreme Acts of Violence
 - Pandemic/Epidemic
 - Major Aircraft Incident
- **Avalanche**



Mitigation Actions

- Reduce hazard impacts to population, property, economy, and environment.
- A few examples include:
 - **Wildfire:** Fuel reduction programs for residential areas.
 - **Infrastructure:** Burial of utility infrastructure to reduce wildfire risk and improve reliability.
 - **Public Education:** Develop new public messaging that better conveys the urgency of evacuation preparedness.
 - **Flooding:** Stabilize creeks using drop structures to slow the water down, and plants and materials to keep the sides from washing away.
- 110 identified actions created across all 9 jurisdictions.
- Tracked through to completion and updated annually.





Stakeholder and Public Engagement

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Stakeholders contributed data, reviewed drafts, and helped shape jurisdiction-specific mitigation strategies:

- City of Colorado Springs
- El Paso County
- Local Municipalities
- Regional Fire and Police Departments
- Utilities
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Nonprofit Organizations



Stakeholder and Public Engagement (cont...)

From April to July 2025, targeted outreach included:

- Kickoff Meeting
- Risk Assessment Workshop
- Mitigation Strategy Workshop
- Social Media Posts
- Press Release and News Article
- Public and Stakeholder Surveys

PPROEM Survey: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...>

Public Survey

Topic: Hazard Mitigation Plan



City of Colorado Springs

The Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management is seeking public input on the 2026 Pikes Peak Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which helps reduce our region's risk from natural hazards.

Public comment period: Oct. 20 – Nov. 3, 2025
Public meeting: Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
3755 Mark Dabbling Blvd., Colorado Springs

View the draft plan and learn more at pproem.com/HMPUpdate

2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Draft Open for Public Comment

Review the Draft Plan

Submit Your Comments



Financial Implications

- The HMP enables the jurisdictions to remain eligible for FEMA funding to support emergency mitigation efforts.
- Without this federal assistance, jurisdictions would be responsible for covering the full cost of post-disaster mitigation activities.



Recommended Action

Resolution to Adopt and Approve the
Pikes Peak Regional Multi-Hazard
Mitigation Plan Updated for 2026.



Thank You

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