

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

Table 25-10. Overall Ranking of Hazards by Jurisdiction

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

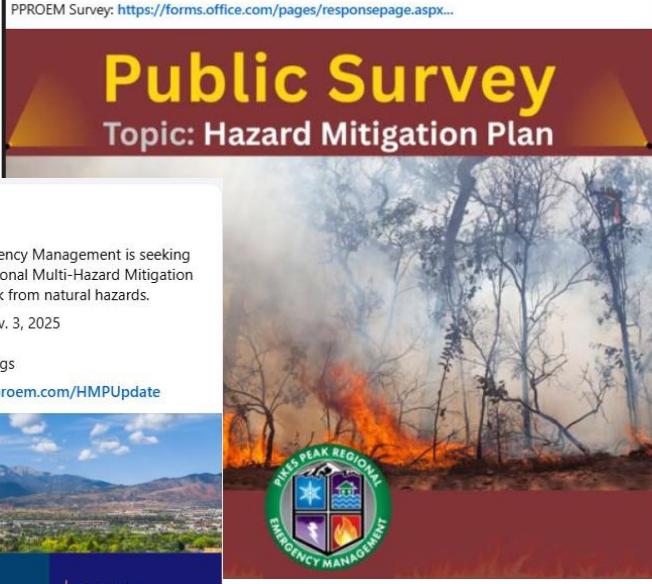


Stakeholder and Public Engagement (cont...)

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...>



The image shows a screenshot of a public survey page for the 2026 Pikes Peak Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The page has a maroon header with the text "Public Survey" in large yellow letters and "Topic: Hazard Mitigation Plan" in smaller white letters. Below the header is a photograph of a wildfire with smoke and charred trees. The main content area is white and features the City of Colorado Springs logo and a timestamp of "1h · 9". It explains the purpose of the survey, the public comment period (Oct. 20 – Nov. 3, 2025), and the public meeting (Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at 3755 Mark Dabling Blvd., Colorado Springs). It also provides a link to the draft plan: pprem.com/HMPUpdate. At the bottom, there are three call-to-action buttons: "Draft Open for Public Comment" (document icon), "Review the Draft Plan" (lightbulb icon), and "Submit Your Comments" (people icon). The Pikes Peak Regional Emergency Management logo is in the bottom right corner of the image.



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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