



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



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**DATE:** September 6, 2023

**TO:** Media Release

**FROM:** Police Chief Jennifer Snook

**SUBJECT:** Press Release for City of Talent 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*

**City of Talent seeks additional public input on  
update to Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

City of Talent OR 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, Talent 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 Talent NHMP addendum will be available for formal public comment beginning September 6, 2023. Public comment will close at 4:00 PM on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. To view the draft, please visit: [www.cityoftalent.org](http://www.cityoftalent.org).

If you have any questions regarding the Talent NHMP addendum or the update process in general, please contact: Jennifer Snook, Chief of Police//City Emergency Coordinator 541-535-1253 email: [jsnook@cityoftalent.org](mailto:jsnook@cityoftalent.org) or Michael Howard, Director for the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience at [mrhoward@uoregon.edu](mailto:mrhoward@uoregon.edu).