



## MEMO

**TO: FEMA REGION 8**  
**FROM: GARFIELD COUNTY**  
**DATE: APRIL 18, 2012**  
**RE: GARFIELD COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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This memo accompanies the final draft of the Garfield County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP), submitted to FEMA Region 8 for review and pre-approval. Developing the Garfield County NHMP, with addenda representing four municipal jurisdictions and four fire districts, was a multi-year collaborative process that educated communities about natural hazards and fostered enthusiasm for mitigation throughout the County. The NHMP provides specific information and resources to assist people in understanding the County and the hazard-specific issues facing citizens, businesses and the environment.

The Risk Assessment that accompanies this NHMP was conducted to serve not only as the foundation of the NHMP but also to inform other emergency management components of the County, including the Continuity of Operations Plan and the Recovery Framework. The Risk Assessment is included in summary in the body of the NHMP and in full as a separate document (noted below).

The NHMP provides a set of action items to reduce risk from natural hazards. Included with each action are: ideas for implementation; identification of the coordinating organization as well as potential partner organizations; estimated timeline for completion; and notation of the specific goals addressed. With this comprehensive look at risk and vulnerability, the NHMP can be a catalyst for further partnerships among the communities of Garfield County, but also with the State of Colorado and with FEMA.

The Garfield County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Plan document is the culmination of a significant effort; the hard work of staff and the dedication of the Steering Committee. Moreover it represents the dedication of Garfield County and its communities to fostering resilience through mitigation.

Attached to this memo are the following documents:

1. FEMA Review Crosswalk
2. Risk Assessment
3. County NHMP
4. Multi-Jurisdictional Addenda