

Appendix G – FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Compliancy

West End CWPP

FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Requirements

PDM Requirements	check list	How GWR plans to accomplish
• Public Comment Opportunity	✓	• A press release was posted announcing the project and public comment was open 30 days before approval
• Neighboring Communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities	✓	• Steering Committee includes representatives from the community (stakeholders, business owners, homeowners), Fire District 4, Skamania County, Washington DNR and Forest Service, see Appendix A, "Attendance Sign-in"
• Review and incorporate into other plans if applicable	✓	• Klickitat and Skamania County Plan reviewed, Trout Lake, Douglas County, White Salmon and Cascade Locks plans used as reference throughout planning process
• Documentation of planning process including how prepared, who was involved and particularly public	✓	• The planning process is included within the actual document as 7 planning steps (pages 6-9). Actual public involvement is documented in Appendix A – Meeting Agendas, Minutes and Sign-in Sheets.
• Local risk assessment that describes the type, location and extent of all natural hazards	✓	• A Risk assessment was performed in two phases. Phase I included documenting Risk of ignition, hazards, values protected and wildfire response capabilities specific to the planning area. Phase II included documenting "gaps" in the system and "high risk areas"
• Information on previous occurrences of hazardous events and the probability of future hazardous events	✓	• This was completed by viewing fire history and current hazards that could potentially cause a catastrophic wildfire. "High risk areas" were designated and encompassed the major communities that fell within the planning area
• Summary of each hazard from the risk assessment and a description of vulnerability in terms of: type and number of structures and critical infrastructure, potential dollar loss and land uses and development trends		• Structures based on NFPA299 GIS data ranking houses by risk; GIS identification of clusters of houses and important infrastructure in GWR community, dollar loss calculated by multiplying average cost of home in Skamania County to be calculated in future by estimated chance of loss in say five categories, e.g. 0.00, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1.00, by number of houses in each category and by average value
• Multi-jurisdictional plans will include details for each jurisdiction's risks where they vary from the entire planning area		• Wildfire response governed by Federal and Washington state policy with local MOU's coordinating roles of local, state and federal agencies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigation strategy that provides the jurisdiction's blueprint for reducing potential losses from the risk assessment and includes: goals to reduce vulnerability to hazards, analyzing mitigation actions/projects considered to reduce the effects of the hazards with an emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mitigation strategy calls for planning to increase radio interoperability and coordination of resources in preventing and fighting wildfire in the West End community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of how projects will be prioritized implemented and administered by the local jurisdiction. Will include emphasis on the extent to which benefits are maximized 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This plan provides a first approximation of project importance as determined by the steering committee and approved by the Chief. At the Chief's discretion, projects and their implementation will be reviewed, revised and re-ranked annually by the core committee and CERT committee.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-jurisdictional plans must include identifiable action items specific to the jurisdiction requesting FEMA approval 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An action plan was discussed and documented. Future development is needed to suit FEMA's specific requirements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of plan maintenance including: methods, schedule of monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a 5 year cycle 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Chief's discretion, projects and their implementation will be reviewed, revised and re-ranked annually by the core group and steering committee.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of the process by which the local government will incorporate the requirements of mitigation plan into other plans 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This plan will serve as an appendix to the Skamania County FEMA Emergency management plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Chief's discretion, projects and their implementation will be reviewed, revised and re-ranked annually by the core group and steering committee. An AmeriCorp volunteer is scheduled to be hired for 2008 to support wildfire education and Skamania County CWPPs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation that the plan has been formally been adopted by each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan 	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan is to be signed by the Fire District #4 Fire Chief and the Skamania County board of Commissioners.