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**San Juan County Seeks Public Input on Draft of
Updated Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

AZTEC, NM— The San Juan County Office of Emergency Management is in the process of updating the County’s Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mitigation planning helps local leaders better understand the risks from a variety of hazards and develop long-term strategies that will reduce the impacts of future events on people, property, and the environment.

As a key part of the project, the County is seeking input from area residents and businesses on the draft plan.

All are encouraged to provide feedback during the public comment period, which will be open July 27- August 7, 2020. Feedback can be submitted online at SJCounty.net/HMPFeedback

Once the final plan is adopted, it will be submitted to the State of New Mexico and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval.

“Hazard mitigation planning is the foundation of San Juan County’s emergency management program,” said Michele Truby-Tillen, Floodplain Manager for San Juan County. “The project helps us to understand and minimize hazards with the greatest potential impacts on our communities, while opening needed funding sources.”

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every five years in order to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs.

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