



# Hazard Mitigation

*What Constitutes Mitigation?*

*Actions taken which, in the long-term, reduce the risk and/or impact of a hazard.*



## Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Whitman County, its local municipal jurisdictions and special purpose districts are embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), Whitman County Emergency Management is updating its 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan to enhance resilience throughout the County. During this process, local citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing knowledge of the area's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences.

Check out the County's Hazard Mitigation Planning Website located on Whitman County's Emergency Management website!

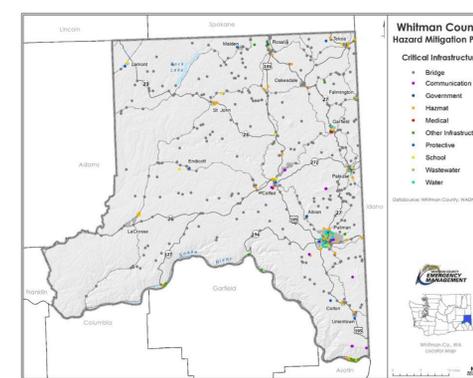
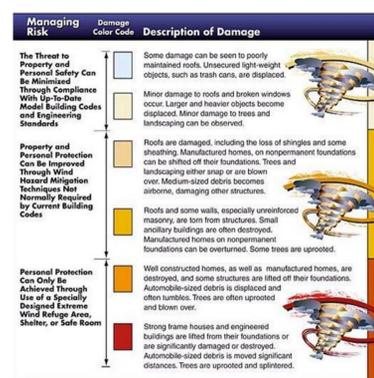
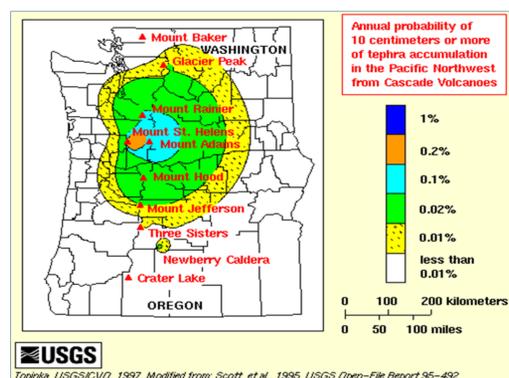
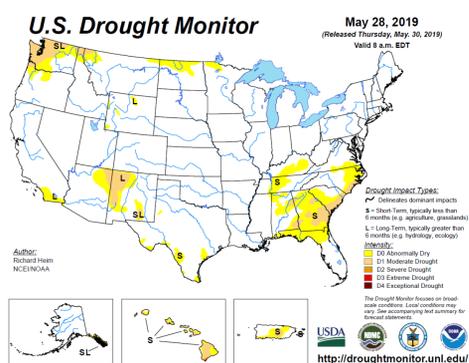
## Why Plan?

**Between 1953 and 2018,**  
**Whitman County has experienced**  
**13 Disaster Declarations**  
**1 Wildfire Disaster (1991)**  
**6 Flood Events**  
**3 Severe Storm Events**  
**1 Volcano (Mt. Saint Helens - 1980)**  
**1 Hurricane Katrina Evacuation**  
**1 Drought**

## Hazards addressed in this update:

- Climate Change (Secondary Hazard)
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslide
- Severe Weather
- Volcano
- Wildfire

Disaster Number	Declaration Date	Disaster Type	Incident Type	Title	Incident Begin Date	Incident Date
4249	1/15/2016	DR	Severe Storm(s)	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	11/12/2015	11/21/2015
1825	3/2/2009	DR	Severe Storm(s)	Severe Winter Storm; Record and Near Record Snow	12/12/2008	1/5/2009
3227	9/7/2005	EM	Coastal Storm	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	8/29/2005	10/1/2005
1159	1/17/1997	DR	Severe Storm(s)	Severe Winter Storms, Land- and Mud-slides, Flooding	12/26/1996	2/10/1997
1100	2/9/1996	DR	Flood	High Winds, Severe Storms, and Flooding	1/26/1996	2/23/1996
922	11/13/1991	DR	Fire	Fires	10/16/1991	10/24/1991
822	4/14/1989	DR	Flood	Heavy Rains, Flooding, and Mudslides	3/8/1989	3/17/1989
623	5/21/1980	DR	Volcano	Volcanic Eruption, Mt. St. Helens	5/21/1980	5/21/1980
545	12/10/1977	DR	Flood	Severe Storms, Mudslides, and Flooding	12/10/1977	12/10/1977
3037	3/31/1977	EM	Drought	Drought	3/31/1977	3/31/1977
414	1/25/1974	DR	Flood	Severe Storms, Snowmelt and Flooding	1/25/1974	1/25/1974
322	2/1/1972	DR	Flood	Severe Storms and Flooding	2/1/1972	2/1/1972
185	12/29/1964	DR	Flood	Heavy Rains and Flooding	12/29/1964	12/29/1964



**What can you do to participate? We're glad you asked!**

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