

About This Site

Culture of Preparedness

A culture of preparedness strengthens individuals and communities in the event of a disaster. A prepared family or community will be able to withstand a disaster in greater comfort and security than an unprepared family or community. The first pillar (prepared families) was addressed in www.GetPandemicReady.org. While that site was focused on a pandemic threat, the same actions of preparedness will work for any disaster.

The next pillar is effective government at the local level in a crisis environment. The plan we introduce on this website is an operational handbook to stabilize local communities. This plan is written for all catastrophic events, and the individual annexes can be used or not depending on the circumstances of the event.

Plan Development

In 2010, the Nez Perce County Board of Commissioners resolved to create a Continuity Planning Team to write a comprehensive local plan to carry out the objectives and directives of national contingency plans -- to maintain civil order and ensure essential services continue operations -- in the event of a national emergency (see Appendix 2 to the Base Plan).

This plan is the result of this resolution. In a catastrophic event, stress levels will be high and time of the essence. Chief elected officials and Annex leads will need essential information in concise format to be able to act quickly and decisively in a disaster. Consequently, some of the traditional boilerplate parts of a plan are omitted. To further save time, the RESPONSE section of each annex is in checklist format

Public Input

Participation by public safety agencies and citizens continues to be sought to promote interagency cooperation and whole community involvement in emergency management. Sensitive information is intentionally omitted from this plan to allow public participation.

Intended Use

The purpose of this contingency plan is to assist local governments and the citizens of this region safely through a major complex system degradation/failure or a catastrophic event of national significance.

Use of This Site

This plan is written for rural jurisdictions. Jurisdictions are encouraged to use this as a template for their own plan and adapt it to their unique circumstances and resources. The base plan is available in MS Word, and the annexes are available in MS Publisher. Emergency Managers are invited to contact us for versions of this plan in these formats.

Contact Us

Comments, suggestions, and queries are welcome. Contact us:
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Disclaimer

This is a contingency plan and would only be implemented during an event of national significance where federal response may not be available for an *extended* period of time. Local jurisdictions will use their standard Local Emergency Operations Plans for traditional disasters. To reinforce this, the following statement is at the top and bottom of each page: "*This plan is only activated in the event of a national emergency and attendant local disaster/emergency declarations*"

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