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All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Meetings Scheduled

Public invited to participate

Residents of Gosper County are encouraged to attend a public meeting to review the current draft of Gosper County's All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Elwood. The purpose of the meeting is to gather recommendations from the public about how to revise and improve the plan.

Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) is partnering with Gosper, Kearney, and Phelps Counties and their Emergency Management Directors to develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. An All-Hazards Mitigation Plan must be completed and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) before any local governmental entity can receive federal funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs.

"The public's participation is critical for a successful plan," said John Thorburn, manager of Tri-Basin NRD. "We hope that local residents will take the time to provide their comments on this plan."

Those unable to attend the meeting can see a draft copy of the Tri-Basin NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan on the Tri-Basin NRD website, which is www.tribasinprd.org. The link is under the heading "Timely Topics." Comments can be sent by email to tribasin@tribasinprd.org. Public comments will be reviewed, compiled and added to the plan. Tri-Basin NRD has hired Olsson Associates to develop the plan.