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D.1 Public/Stakeholder Review and Comment Period #1

The first public/stakeholder review and comment period was held from August 31 through September 7, 2017. The following pages provide documentation of this action. Ward County, as the plan’s guardian, assumed responsibility for posting the draft plan to the County’s website, and for posting an announcement of the review/comment opportunity in the *Minot Daily News*, which serves as the primary newspaper for most of the planning area. These postings served as the official public notice for most of the participating jurisdictions in the plan update. Some jurisdictions opted to make additional postings; documentation of those postings is included below.

No comments from the public were received during this comment and review period.

The County’s LEPC was given the final draft of the plan to review in October 2017. No comments were received during the comment period.

D.2 Public/Stakeholder Review and Comment Period #2

The final public/stakeholder review and comment period was held from August 31 through September 7, 2017. The following pages provide documentation of this action. Ward County, as the plan’s guardian, assumed responsibility for posting the draft plan to the County’s website, and for posting an announcement of the review/comment opportunity in the *Minot Daily News*, which serves as the primary newspaper for most of the planning area. These postings served as the official public notice for most of the participating jurisdictions in the plan update. Some jurisdictions opted to make additional postings; documentation of those postings is included below.

No comments from the public or other stakeholders were received during this comment and review period.

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Figure 1: First Public Comment Notification

**NOTICE
WARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY
225 3rd St. SE
PO Box 5005**

Ward County, ND and the incorporated municipalities of Berthold, Burlington, Carpio, Des Lacs, Donnybrook, Douglas, Kenmare, Makoti, Minot, Ryder, Sawyer, and Surrey have updated the 2013 hazard mitigation plan. The plan focuses on reducing the risk of loss of life, injury, and property damage due to hazards such as drought, winter storms, and floods. This plan also identifies specific actions that can be undertaken to minimize or eliminate these vulnerabilities. These projects can be implemented as funding becomes available. This plan is a requirement for eligibility for federal mitigation grant programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Each year, millions of federal hazard mitigation grant dollars are made available to eligible applicants via programs such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM). By maintain our hazard mitigation plan and obtaining FEMA-approval of it, the County and the incorporated municipalities are eligible to apply for these competitive grant funds. As part of the development process, and in compliance with 44 CFR, part 201, we request that the public review the final draft of this plan, and submit any comments or suggestions on the document. You can access the final draft plan by visiting: www.wardnd.com. The link is located at the bottom, in the middle page listed under "Hazard Mitigation Plan." The public meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 6th at 7 pm, or should you wish to comment on the draft, please send an email, noting the section, page, and line number relevant to your comment, to our planning contractor, Kelly George (kgeorge@wittobriens.com). All comments must be received no later than Monday, September 15, 2017.
(August 31; September 7, 2017)

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Figure 2: First Public Comment Notification

WARD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

225 3RD ST SE
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Public Comment Period Announcement

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As part of the development process we will be holding public meetings for the public to make any comments or suggestions on the document. You can access the final draft plan by visiting: www.wardnd.com. The link is located at the bottom, in the middle page listed under "Hazard Mitigation Plan."

The public meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 6th at 7pm (at the Ward County Administration Building; 225 3rd St SE; Minot, ND) or should you wish to comment on the draft, please send an email, noting the section, page, and line number relevant to your comment, to our planning contractor, Kelly George (kgeorge@wittobriens.com). All comments must be received no later than **Monday, September 15, 2017.**
