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

8 The first public/stakeholder review and comment period was held from August 31 through September 7,
9 2017. The following pages provide documentation of this action. Ward County, as the plan’s guardian,
10 assumed responsibility for posting the draft plan to the County’s website, and for posting an
11 announcement of the review/comment opportunity in the *Minot Daily News*, which serves as the primary
12 newspaper for most of the planning area. These postings served as the official public notice for most of
13 the participating jurisdictions in the plan update. Some jurisdictions opted to make additional postings;
14 documentation of those postings is included below.

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

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18 The County’s LEPC was given the final draft of the plan to review in October 2017. Any comments
19 received from this review will be incorporated into the final draft prior to submission to NDDDES for
20 review.

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

24 The final public/stakeholder review and comment period was held from August 31 through September 7,
25 2017. The following pages provide documentation of this action. Ward County, as the plan’s guardian,
26 assumed responsibility for posting the draft plan to the County’s website, and for posting an
27 announcement of the review/comment opportunity in the *Minot Daily News*, which serves as the primary
28 newspaper for most of the planning area. These postings served as the official public notice for most of
29 the participating jurisdictions in the plan update. Some jurisdictions opted to make additional postings;
30 documentation of those postings is included below.

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

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39 *Figure 1: First Public Comment Notification*

40 **NOTICE**
41 **WARD COUNTY**
42 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
43 **AGENCY**
44 **225 3rd St. SE**
45 **PO Box 5005**
46 Ward County, ND and the incorporated
47 municipalities of Berthold,
48 Burlington, Carpio, Des
49 Lacs, Donnybrook, Douglas,
50 Kenmare, Makoti, Minot, Ryder,
51 Sawyer, and Surrey have updated
52 the 2013 hazard mitigation
53 plan. The plan focuses on
54 reducing the risk of loss of life,
55 injury, and property damage due
56 to hazards such as drought,
57 winter storms, and floods. This
58 plan also identifies specific actions
59 that can be undertaken to
60 minimize or eliminate these vulnerabilities.
61 These projects can
62 be implemented as funding becomes
63 available. This plan is a
64 requirement for eligibility for
65 federal mitigation grant programs,
66 including the Hazard Mitigation
67 Grant Program (HMGP).
68 Each year, millions of federal
69 hazard mitigation grant dollars
70 are made available to eligible
71 applicants via programs such as
72 the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
73 (HMGP) and the
74 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program
75 (PDM). By maintain our hazard
76 mitigation plan and obtaining
77 FEMA-approval of it, the County
78 and the incorporated municipalities
79 are eligible to apply for
80 these competitive grant funds.
81 As part of the development process,
82 and in compliance with 44
83 CFR, part 201, we request that
84 the public review the final draft
85 of this plan, and submit any
86 comments or suggestions on
87 the document. You can access
88 the final draft plan by visiting:
89 www.wardnd.com. The link is located
90 at the bottom, in the middle
91 page listed under "Hazard
92 Mitigation Plan." The public
93 meetings will be held on
94 Wednesday, September 6th at 7
95 pm, or should you wish to comment
96 on the draft, please send
97 an email, noting the section,
98 page, and line number relevant
99 to your comment, to our planning
100 contractor, Kelly George
101 (kgeorge@wittobriens.com). All
102 comments must be received no
103 later than Monday, September
104 15, 2017.
105 (August 31; September 7, 2017)
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107 Figure 2: First Public Comment Notification

WARD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

225 3RD ST SE
PO BOX 5005

Public Comment Period Announcement

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 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.**

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Final DRAFT