

Meeting Agenda

UPPER LOUP NRD HMP UPDATE PROJECT #211218.00

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Kick-off

Date: June 15, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location:

Upper Loup NRD Education Center
39252 Hwy 2, Thedford, NE 69166

Attendees

See Sign-In Sheet

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions and Hazard Bingo
2. Overview of Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update
 - a. Project description and planning area map (handout)
 - b. Update of January 2025 Upper Loup NRD HMP
 - c. Discussion of recent hazard events:
 - i. Flooding over Hwy 2
 - ii. Large snow events 2022-23
 - iii. Prairie Fires 2023- loss of the 4-H Youth center and other buildings near Halsey
 - iv. Drought issues
 - d. Also discussed:
 - i. Lack of housing
 - ii. Communication issues; ideas to address it: mobile repeaters, mobile communication towers, mass texting, and other methods
 - iii. Education on available shelters
 - iv. Railroad derailments are a concern, particularly if carrying hazardous materials. Nearest HazMat team is in North Platte.
 - v. Dead trees is a concern; many trees are reaching the end of their life cycle and need to be removed.
3. Planning Process
 - a. Project schedule (handout)
 - b. FEMA mitigation planning policy updates
 - c. Project website: <https://www.jeo.com/ulnrhmp>
4. Planning Team Establishment
 - a. Role and responsibilities
 - b. HMP goals (handout) – updates made for 2024 goals:
 - i. Objective 1.1 made prevent loss of life first and mention property second.
 - ii. Objective 3.2 – new addition
 - iii. Objectives 4.1 and 4.2 combined, and 4.3 became new 4.2



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- iv. Objectives 4.3 and 4.4 – new additions
- c. Hazard identification (handout) – changes made for 2024 Update:
 - i. Combined Chemical Fixed Sites & Chemical Transportation into Hazardous Materials Release
 - ii. Changed Civil Disorder to Terrorism & Civil Disorder
 - iii. Changed Extreme Heat to Extreme Temperatures to include Cold
 - iv. Combined Hail with Severe Thunderstorms
 - v. Combined High Winds with Tornadoes
 - vi. Total of 12 hazards will be assessed
- d. Public involvement
 - i. Project flyer posting – flyer coming soon
 - ii. Project survey – online survey coming soon
- e. Identify and share relevant data or studies
- 5. Public Involvement
 - a. Participation criteria for inclusion in the HMP
 - i. Taxing authority (e.g., school districts)
 - b. All jurisdictions within the NRD border, especially if they're located in Blaine, Grant, Hooker, Logan, and Thomas Counties are eligible and encouraged to participate in the Upper Loup NRD HMP
 - c. JEO staff will schedule one on one meetings with each community and other jurisdictions to go over materials. All meetings will be open to the public.
- 6. Next Steps
 - a. Data collection and analysis
 - b. Communities to post notices of meetings scheduled

Next Meetings

- Individual jurisdictional meetings to be scheduled.

