



**FEMA**

April 2, 2009

Honorable Ken Dahlstedt  
Honorable Sharon Dillon  
Honorable Ron Wesen  
Skagit County Commissioners  
1800 Continental Place, Suite 100  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Dear Commissioners Dahlstedt, Dillon, and Wesen:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the *Skagit County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* as a multi-jurisdictional local plan as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201. With approval of this plan, the following entities are now eligible to apply for the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act's hazard mitigation project grants and Flood Mitigation Assistance project grants through April 2, 2014:

- Skagit County
- City of Anacortes
- City of Burlington
- Town of Concrete
- Town of Hamilton
- Town of La Conner
- Town of Lyman
- City of Mount Vernon
- City of Sedro-Woolley
- Dike District 12

Additionally, FEMA has approved the Skagit County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as a Tribal Mitigation Plan (44 CFR §201.7) for the following Indian tribal governments:

- Samish Indian Nation
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

The plan's approval provides the above jurisdictions eligibility to apply for hazard mitigation projects through the State of Washington. The approval of the plan as a Tribal Mitigation Plan provides the above Indian tribal governments eligibility for direct non-emergency Stafford Act Assistance, including Public Assistance (Categories C-G), Fire Management Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants.

All requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

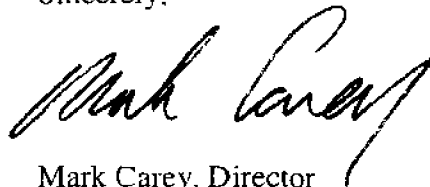
Over the next five years, we encourage your communities to follow the plan's schedule for monitoring and updating the plan, and to develop further mitigation actions. The plan must be

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reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted for approval within five years in order to continue project grant eligibility.

If you have questions regarding your plan's approval or FEMA's mitigation grant programs, please contact our Regional Mitigation Planning Manager, Kristen Meyers, at 425-487-4543 or our State counterpart, Washington Emergency Management Division, which coordinates and administers these efforts for local entities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Carey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Carey, Director  
Mitigation Division

cc: Mark Stewart, Washington Emergency Management Division

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