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Lake County Seeking Hazard Mitigation Ideas

March 23, 2017 – Lake County requests your input on the five-year update of our Hazard Mitigation Plan, through a public meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 6pm in the Law Enforcement Center in Two Harbors.

“The Hazard Mitigation Plan lists the greatest hazards to Lake County, and how we can prevent or reduce their impact to our residents,” said BJ Kohlstedt, Lake County Emergency Manager. “We use it to figure out where we can best put our time and money to be more prepared and resilient.”

During the public meeting, recent disasters will be reviewed, along with what was done to respond and recover, and how to possibly mitigate future damages. We’ll look ahead to changing hazard expectations due to technology and climate change, and brainstorm actions we can take to lessen future impacts in our area.

Since our greatest hazard in Lake County has historically been wildfires, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan will also be reviewed during the meeting. Both plans are available on the Lake County website under Emergency Management Department / Plans at http://www.co.lake.mn.us/departments/emergency_management/plans.php.

Future meetings are planned for Finland and Fall Lake, but if you can’t make the meetings, there is also a public input survey on the website under the Hazard Mitigation Plan link.

“This Plan is built from public knowledge and input,” said Kohlstedt. “We need your good ideas.”

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