

**COMMUNITY LETTER**  
**April 8, 2009**

To Whom It May Concern:

In recent years Nevada emergency management officials and FEMA have provided Public Assistance Program funds to reimburse state, county, local governments and certain non-profit organizations for losses and damages suffered from natural disaster events occurring throughout the State of Nevada.

Events such as damaging earthquakes and ravishing wildland fires throughout the State demonstrate to us all that Esmeralda County can be vulnerable to disasters, including drought, floods, hazardous material events, severe winter storms, and wildland fires. The risks posed by these hazards place the residents and visitors to Esmeralda County in harms way.

The County of Esmeralda, Nevada has launched a planning effort, known as the Esmeralda County Hazard Mitigation Plan, to assess risks posed by natural and manmade disasters and identify ways to reduce those risks. The planning process involves all areas of Esmeralda County to include Goldfield, Silver Peak, Dyer, Lida, and Gold Point. This plan is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as a pre-requisite for receiving certain forms of Federal disaster and mitigation assistance.

Esmeralda County began their planning process in November 2007. The draft plan is in the final phases of development and public inquiries and comments are still being requested. The County anticipates submittal of the draft plan to the Board of Commissioners for adoption by late spring and then expects to submit the final version of this plan to FEMA by summer.

Public comments and participation is welcomed. For additional information, request to participate, or to submit comments, please contact Sheriff Ken Elgan at 775-485-6373 or at [ecso@frontiernet.net](mailto:ecso@frontiernet.net).