



# Storey County EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**COMMUNITY LETTER**  
**March 16, 2009**

To Whom it May Concern:

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Public comments and participation is welcomed. For additional information, request to participate, or to submit comments, please contact Joe Curtis, Storey County Emergency Management Director at (775) 847-0954 or [jcurtis@storeycounty.org](mailto:jcurtis@storeycounty.org).



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