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Mr. Miles Anderson  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Division of Emergency Management  
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

Reference: Walton County FL MJ Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan Update

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are pleased to inform you that the Walton County FL MJ Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Update is in compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning requirements resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. We have recently received from your office the following resolution for inclusion within this plan in accordance with Program Administration by States (PAS) requirements, and subsequently concur that this community be included under the approved Walton County MJ LMS. The updated plan will become effective from July 22, 2015 and is therefore, approved for a period of five (5) years to July 22, 2020.

This plan approval extends to the following participating jurisdiction that provided a copy of its resolution adopting the Walton County MJ LMS plan:

- Walton County, Unincorporated

The approved participating jurisdiction is hereby an eligible applicant through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

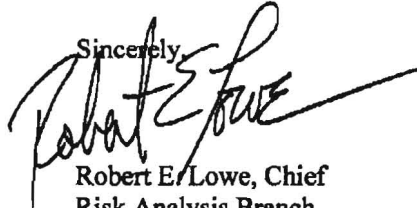
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation is required for some programs.

We commend the participants in Walton County for the development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that 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.

We strongly encourage each Community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage each Community to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development. When the plan is amended or revised, it must be resubmitted through the State as a "plan update" and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan approval.

The State and the participants in the Walton County MJ LMS should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or Walton County have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Gabriela Vigo of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch at (229) 225-4546 or Linda L. Byers of my staff at (770) 220-5498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Lowe", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert E. Lowe, Chief  
Risk Analysis Branch  
Mitigation Division