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HOH INDIAN TRIBE TO UPDATE THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Hoh Indian Tribe is embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), the Hoh Tribe will update its 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan to enhance resilience throughout the Reservation and Tribal Planning Area.

This planning process is being led by Robert Smith, Project Manager and Executive Director for the Hoh Indian Tribe, with support from Beverly O’Dea of Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the hired technical consultant. This project is funded by a planning grant from FEMA. The planning process will take approximately seven to nine months to complete.

During this process, tribal members, employees, and local citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing knowledge of the area’s vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires, maps, and updates on the plan’s progress via a website. This process will be directed by a Planning Team made up of representatives from the Tribe and other stakeholders from within the planning area as deemed necessary by the Tribe. This Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will meet as needed throughout the process. Notice of the date, time and location of these meetings will be posted on the Tribe’s website.

An informational website on the plan and supporting information will be established on the Hoh Tribe’s Website at <https://hohtribe-nsn.org/>

This website will serve as the primary means for the everyone to gain information on the plan and ways that they can participate in the planning process. Tribal Members and the public are highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan’s development.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Robert Smith, Executive Director at 360-780-0280, email: bob.smith@hohtribe-nsn.org or to Bev O’Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC at (253) 301-1330 or email: bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org

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