

## Natural Hazard Action Item Proposal Form

<b>Proposed Action Item:</b>		<b>Alignment with Plan Goals:</b>	
Build partnerships with local jurisdictions to develop emergency management planning for Eastern Oregon University		Strengthen Organizational and Community Capacity	
<b>Rationale for Proposed Action Item:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Age of buildings and earthquake-readiness</li> <li>○ Lack of coordination between University employees and La Grande officials re: hazard mitigation and response.</li> <li>○ Hazardous materials in Badgley Hall: should they be released in a large scale disaster, the University and City are unprepared to respond in an adequate fashion.</li> <li>○ Flooding potential to both Quinn Coliseum and Hoke Hall, both of which are Red Cross shelters for the City.</li> <li>○ Pierce library contains historic materials of significant, immeasurable value.</li> <li>○ All of the University's utilities run through the steam tunnels. If one segment breaks, all utilities will be disrupted. The vulnerability and resilience of these steam tunnels is unknown.</li> <li>○ The University and its professors rely on distance education for a significant part of their incomes. Internet connections are thus essential. Likewise, the University maintains a number of partnerships. Staff persons from various locations will rely on the University for assistance in times of disaster.</li> <li>○ Campus population is highest at 10:00am during weekdays; population concentrations vary significantly throughout the day and year.</li> <li>○ On July 22, 2004, 70 mph winds wreaked havoc on trees, houses, cars and streets. Water flowed into the ground level floors of Ackerman Hall, Pierce Library and Hoke Student Center at Eastern Oregon University. The University's storm drains had reached capacity.</li> </ul>			
<b>Ideas for Implementation:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Establish an Eastern Oregon University steering committee that includes personnel from the City of La Grande and Union County.</li> <li>● Prepare response teams in La Grande for potential earthquake-induced hazardous material releases at Eastern Oregon University (Badgley Hall)</li> <li>● Evaluate Eastern Oregon University's ability to respond to a variety of disasters and to accommodate its various tenants' needs.</li> <li>● Assess the vulnerability of Eastern Oregon University's steam tunnels to flooding and earthquake</li> <li>● Pursue actions that will qualify Eastern Oregon University as a FEMA-approved "Disaster Resistant University."</li> </ul>			
<b>Coordinating Organization:</b>		Eastern Oregon University	
<b>Internal Partners:</b>		<b>External Partners:</b>	
Union County Emergency Services, La Grande Fire Department, La Grande Planning Department, Union County Planning Department		American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Electric Co-op, Internet Service Providers, Oregon Department of Transportation	
<b>Timeline:</b>		<b>If available, estimated cost:</b>	
<u>Short Term</u> (0-2 years)	<u>Long Term</u> (2-4 or more years)		
Short Term	Long Term (for some projects)		
<b>Form Submitted by:</b>		RARE Participant	