

Archuleta County, CO

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2028-04-17. Plan: Archuleta County, CO Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 (FEMA plan 108938), approved 2023-04-18. Since the plan was approved on 2023-04-18: 1 new hazard declaration (1 incident) and 124 NOAA Storm Events records; details under "What changed since your last plan". Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$5,228,851 a year), Wildfire (\$2,323,059) and Lightning (\$256,146). The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.
NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).
NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.
RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).
FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.
PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.
Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.
County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.
FIPS: the federal code for a place; 08007 is this area.
D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).
F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.
kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.
A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).
Dollars: nominal (as reported, labeled with the year), not adjusted for inflation.

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Plan clock

Status:	Approved, expires 2028-04-17	Plan:	Archuleta County, CO Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 (FEMA plan 108938)
Approved:	2023-04-18	Days to expiry:	565

What changed since your last plan (approved 2023-04-18)

New federal declarations:	1 new hazard declaration (1 incident): FM-5606-CO (Oak Fire)	Storm Events records since approval:	124 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 1	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.

Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Notes
Archuleta County	County	Approved, expires 2028-04-17	Archuleta County, CO Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 (FEMA plan 108938)	2023-04-18	2028-04-17	565	
Pagosa Springs town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-04-17	Archuleta County, CO Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 (FEMA plan 108938)	2023-04-18	2028-04-17	565	this jurisdiction approved 2026-04-30
Other (Pagosa Fire Protection District)	Fire/EMS District	Approved, expires 2028-04-17	Archuleta County, CO Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 (FEMA plan 108938)	2023-04-18	2028-04-17	565	

State plan status and tribal plans in this state: see the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

- dam failure (incl. upstream dams)
- levee failure
- flash flood as its own subtype
- ice jams
- debris flows
- erosion (riverine and coastal)
- land subsidence and sinkholes
- expansive soils

The 18 National Risk Index hazards, ranked by expected annual loss (EAL)

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Why this hazard can be left out <i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$5,214,427	\$5,616	\$8,808	\$5,228,851	15		
2	Wildfire	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$2,224,302	\$86	\$98,672	\$2,323,059	69		
3	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$11,503	n/a	\$244,643	\$256,146	12		
4	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$152,899	n/a	\$18,165	\$171,064			Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
5	Winter Weather	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$5,315	\$27	\$81,032	\$86,373	772		
6	Avalanche	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$863	n/a	\$71,112	\$71,976	49		
7	Landslide	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Low	\$9,577	n/a	\$37,387	\$46,963	8		
8	Tornado	Very Low	Very Low	\$22,129	\$98	\$22,481	\$44,708	1		
9	Strong Wind	Very Low	Very Low	\$4,383	\$2	\$17,829	\$22,214	31		Includes 14 High Wind and 4 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
10	Drought	Very Low	Very Low	n/a	\$20,679	n/a	\$20,679	154		
11	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$3,601	\$305	\$942	\$4,848	6		

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12	Ice Storm	Very Low	Very Low	\$3,418	n/a	\$911	\$4,329	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
13	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	\$12	\$1,696	\$1,708	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Cold Wave	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	under \$1	\$2	\$2	52		Includes 44 Frost/Freeze records (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
	Hurricane	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					0	NRI rates hurricane Not Applicable for this county, and no counted federal declaration for this county names it (EM-3224-CO names it but is not counted as a local occurrence; see B1-d).	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).
NRI risk rating combines expected annual loss with social vulnerability and community resilience; EAL rating rates expected annual loss alone. Both compare this county with all U.S. counties.

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: coastal flooding, tsunami and volcanic activity. That is the evidence for leaving them out of the plan.
The state hazard mitigation plan also lists hazards for this county; FEMA asks the plan to explain any hazard it leaves out.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

Affects the whole county (national data give no location within it): Cold Wave, Drought, Hail, Heat Wave, Ice Storm, Lightning, Strong Wind and Winter Weather.

Inland Flooding: The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov>) for this county.

Hazards that vary within the county: highest-rated census tracts

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Avalanche	tract 9743 (Relatively Low, 71.5); tract 9744 (Relatively Low, 71.0); tract 9404 (Relatively Low, 71.0)
Earthquake	tract 9742.02 (Relatively Low, 67.9); tract 9743 (Relatively Low, 65.6); tract 9744 (Relatively Low, 56.7)
Hurricane	no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard
Landslide	tract 9743 (Relatively Moderate, 98.9); tract 9744 (Relatively Moderate, 98.8); tract 9404 (Relatively Moderate, 98.1)
Tornado	tract 9743 (Relatively Low, 30.9); tract 9742.02 (Very Low, 28.4); tract 9744 (Very Low, 24.4)
Wildfire	tract 9743 (Very High, 99.1); tract 9744 (Relatively High, 98.4); tract 9404 (Relatively High, 97.9)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 9743 is Census Tract 9743). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

Extent: scale, observed range and worst recorded event per hazard

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage only)	49 records, 1998 to 2025 (49 zone-level)		Avalanche, 1998-03-29, \$75,000 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars); NWS zone COZ019		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	8 records, 2005 to 2025 (8 zone-level)	8 days to 16 days (median 12 days); 2 with a recorded value	16 consecutive days, 2005-12-04 to 2005-12-19, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	44 records, 2003 to 2025 (44 zone-level)		No crop damage reported in 44 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	154 records, 2002 to 2026 (154 zone-level)	31 days to 1,096 days (median 214 days); 15 with a recorded value	1096 days (36 months), 2003-10-01 to 2006-09-30, a run of 36 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	6 records, 1999 to 2016	0.75 in to 1.75 in (median 1 in); 6 with a recorded value	1.75 in hail, 2014-09-29		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Pagosa Springs town (4 records).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	0					
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	0					
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	15 records, 1998 to 2025 (1 zone-level)		Flash Flood, 2014-07-15, \$250,000 property; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Pagosa Springs town (4 records). Zone-level records (1) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	8 records, 2006 to 2025 (2 zone-level)		Debris Flow, 2021-07-24, \$10,000 property; \$0 crops (2021 dollars)		No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan. Zone-level records (2) apply countywide.	
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	12 records, 1998 to 2021		Lightning, 2000-09-08, \$50,000 property; crops not reported (2000 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Pagosa Springs town (8 records).	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	18 records, 1997 to 2022 (18 zone-level)	45 kt (52 mph) to 103 kt (119 mph) (median 79 kt (91 mph)); 18 with a recorded value	103 kt (119 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2016-02-18; NWS zone COZ019	High Wind, 2000-04-18, \$1,500,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2000 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	15 records, 1993 to 2020	50 kt (58 mph) to 75 kt (86 mph) (median 56 kt (64 mph)); 12 with a recorded value	75 kt (86 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2014-09-29		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Pagosa Springs town (8 records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	1 record, 1999	F/EF0; 1 with a recorded value	F0 tornado, 1999-04-25, 0.3 mi within this county, 0.1 yd wide, \$1,000 property; crops not reported (1999 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Pagosa Springs town (1 record).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	69 records, 2002 to 2025 (64 zone-level)		Wildfire, 2024-05-14, \$0 property; \$3,000,000 crops (2024 dollars); NWS zone COZ019		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Pagosa Springs town (3 records). Zone-level records (64) apply countywide.	
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	772 records, 1996 to 2026 (772 zone- level)		Winter Storm, 2004-02-27, \$20,000 property; crops not reported (2004 dollars); NWS zone COZ023		Countywide (zone-level records).	

In event narratives only (local data needed): wind chill, temperature, heat index, ice thickness, acres burned and snow depth; any physical measure of avalanche, debris flow and lightning.

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records from zones that no NWS zone-county file places in this county (mostly before 2020) are not counted here (the Methods page explains the zone matching).

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 8 declarations covering 5 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2025-08-11	2025-08-10	FM-5606-CO	Fire management	Oak Fire	Wildfire	no Public Assistance recorded	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2020-03-28	2020-01-20	DR-4498-CO	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3436-CO	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4498
2005-09-05	2005-08-29	EM-3224-CO	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2002-06-19	2002-04-23	DR-1421-CO	Major disaster	Wildfires	Wildfire	PA not declared for this county		
1977-01-29	1977-01-29	EM-3025-CO	Emergency	Drought	Drought	no Public Assistance recorded		
1973-07-06	1973-07-06	DR-396-CO	Major disaster	Flooding & Landslides	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide	no Public Assistance recorded		
1970-09-22	1970-09-22	DR-293-CO	Major disaster	Heavy Rains & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
1956-06-12	1956-06-12	DR-59-CO	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding
1955-05-25	1955-05-25	DR-33-CO	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county, so they are listed on every county page in the state and not counted with county rows. Local data needed: whether each one affected this county.

10 Fire Management declarations (1978-09-12 to 2016-07-10) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	49	1	2	4	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Cold Wave	52	13	2	19	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 44 Frost/Freeze records.
Drought	154	12	2	17	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	6	0	0	0	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Hurricane	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Ice Storm	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Inland Flooding	15	5	3	8	2	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	8	2	2	4	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Lightning	12	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	33	0	1	1	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 14 High Wind and 4 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	1	0	0	0	0	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	
Wildfire	69	27	2	29	2	1	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Winter Weather	772	64	32	120	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2024-05-14	Wildfire		\$0 property; \$3,000,000 crops (zone total, 2024 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone COZ019 (SOUTHWESTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS), zone-level	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Wildfire
2023-03-16	Avalanche		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2023 dollars)	1, 3	NWS zone COZ019 (SOUTHWESTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS), zone-level	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2023-02-25	Avalanche		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2023 dollars)	2, 2	NWS zone COZ019 (SOUTHWESTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS), zone-level	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2021-07-24	Debris Flow		\$10,000 property; \$0 crops (2021 dollars)	0, 0	CHIMNEY ROCK		B1-c worst recorded: Debris Flow
2020-12-19	Avalanche		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2020 dollars)	2, 1	NWS zone COZ019 (SOUTHWESTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS), zone-level		deaths or injuries recorded
2016-02-18	High Wind	103 kt (119 mph) measured gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2016 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone COZ019 (SOUTHWESTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2014-09-29	Thunderstorm Wind	75 kt (86 mph) estimated gust	\$45,000 property; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)	0, 0	PAGOSA SPGS		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2014-07-15	Flash Flood		\$250,000 property; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)	0, 0	PAGOSA SPGS to PAGOSA SPGS ARPT		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2004-02-27	Winter Storm		\$20,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2004 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone COZ023 (SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2000-09-08	Lightning		\$50,000 property; crops not reported (2000 dollars)	0, 0	PAGOSA SPGS		B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
1999-04-25	Tornado	F0, 0.3 mi within this county, 0.1 yd wide	\$1,000 property; crops not reported (1999 dollars)	0, 0	PAGOSA SPGS		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
1998-03-29	Avalanche		\$75,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1998 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone COZ019 (SOUTHWESTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS / C E DOLORES / SAN JUAN / S HINSDALE / N LA PLATA / NE MONTEZUMA / E N ARCHULETA), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Avalanche

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (1,171 rows).

Location is the place NOAA recorded, as written in its data; it need not be a jurisdiction in this plan.

Local data needed: state-declared emergencies, from your state emergency management agency (federal data do not include them).

Tribal and special-area declarations in this state are listed on the state page.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-e: probability of future events

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche	0.367	events per year	about 1 in 3 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	11	1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	
Cold Wave	0.0000183	event-days per year	about 0.0000183 days per year	Possible	Storm Events event-days in 2 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (6.67%)	0.000348	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	76.2	event-days per year	about 76.2 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 18 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (60%)	2,373	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	
Earthquake	0.00156	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.156%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	0.141	events per year	about 1 in 7 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	5.4 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	0.0177	event-days per year	about 0.0177 days per year		Storm Events event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	0.339	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	No Storm Events heat wave record, 1996 to 2025
Hurricane		events per year					1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Ice Storm	0.0149	event-days per year	about 0.0149 days per year		Storm Events event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	0	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	No Storm Events ice storm record, 1996 to 2025
Inland Flooding	0.357	event-days per year	about 0.357 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 9 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (30%)	10	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.791	events per year (modeled)	about 0.79 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	71.1	days per year with a strike	about 71.1 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	0.0698	events per year	about 1 in 14 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	3	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.0514	events per year	about 1 in 19 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Wildfire	0.00327	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.327%	Likely	Storm Events records in 12 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (40%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Winter Weather	34.9	event-days per year	about 34.9 days per year	Highly likely	Storm Events event- days in 30 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (100%)	662	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) is the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025) estimate of how often a hazard affects this county in a year; it is not recorded events divided by years, and its unit differs by hazard (events, event-days, or days with a lightning strike per year). For earthquake, wildfire, coastal flooding and tsunami the value is the chance (or number of events) at a location in the county, not across the county, so no "1 in N years" is given and the descriptor comes from Storm Events where it has a record (none for earthquake). The Methods page gives each hazard's method, from FEMA's National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20.

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
annual probability	Possible	1% to under 10% chance in a given year
annual probability	Unlikely	under 1% chance in a given year
event-days (share of years)	Highly likely	event-days recorded in 90% or more of years
event-days (share of years)	Likely	event-days recorded in 10% to under 90% of years
event-days (share of years)	Possible	event-days recorded in some years but under 10% of years
lightning strike-days	Highly likely	cloud-to-ground strikes on 1 or more days per year

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	7	30	0.233
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

The bands show how often events of each severity were recorded in this county, to profile how severe events have been (FEMA's probability item asks for the range of intensities).

Hail smaller than 1 inch is not counted: on 2010-01-05 the National Weather Service raised its severe-hail threshold from 3/4 inch to 1 inch, so smaller reports became less common after 2009 (NWS Service Change Notice 09-52). NRI hail frequency uses a 0.75 inch threshold.

Optional: future conditions. Not a required item in the 2025 FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide; some states ask for it. The federal Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation (CMRA) site gives county exposure to future climate conditions (<https://resilience.climate.gov/>).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-f: hazards that vary across jurisdictions

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Avalanche	3 of 5	71.0	71.0	71.5	Relatively Low 3, Not Applicable 2
Cold Wave	3 of 5	15.5	15.6	15.6	Very Low 3, No Rating 2
Drought	2 of 5	79.5	85.4	91.4	Relatively Low 2, No Rating 3
Earthquake	5 of 5	34.8	56.7	67.9	Relatively Low 4, Very Low 1
Hail	5 of 5	14.6	26.3	30.1	Very Low 5
Heat Wave	5 of 5	1.8	2.0	2.4	Very Low 5
Hurricane	0 of 5				Not Applicable 5
Ice Storm	5 of 5	5.7	16.1	25.6	Very Low 5
Inland Flooding	5 of 5	21.8	70.5	97.6	Very High 1, Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 2, Relatively Low 1
Landslide	5 of 5	62.4	98.1	98.9	Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 1, Very Low 1
Lightning	5 of 5	83.8	91.5	98.5	Very High 2, Relatively High 3

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Strong Wind	5 of 5	18.1	21.6	35.2	Relatively Low 3, Very Low 2
Tornado	5 of 5	13.7	24.4	30.9	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 4
Wildfire	5 of 5	97.3	97.9	99.1	Very High 1, Relatively High 4
Winter Weather	5 of 5	76.5	91.2	97.5	Very High 1, Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 1

Drought: Agriculture is all of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Rated tracts only: No Rating (score 0.0), Not Applicable and Insufficient Data tracts are counted but not used for the minimum, median and maximum.

The score ranks a tract against all U.S. tracts (100 = highest). The rating is FEMA's category for the tract's risk value, computed differently, so the two can disagree.

Frequency data for cold wave, drought, hail, heat wave, ice storm, lightning, strong wind and winter weather are county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone), the same for every jurisdiction; the tract range mostly reflects where buildings and people are (crop and livestock value where a line above names agriculture).

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since its plan</i>
Archuleta County	County	Approved, expires 2028-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; 0 since its plan
Pagosa Springs town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-04-17	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	28 total; 2 since its plan

Repetitive-loss counts are for whole NFIP communities, which can extend beyond this county (see the note in B2-c).

School districts and special districts get a plan clock row only.

Supports FEMA checklist items B2-a and B2-b: vulnerability and potential impacts

Local data needed

The table below gives county-level starting figures; the plan describes impacts for each jurisdiction and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
- A problem statement per jurisdiction per hazard
- Changes in development in hazard-prone areas since the last approval, or a statement of none (E1-a)
- Future assets

County-level starter: exposure, expected annual loss and damage since the plan

Sources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-04-18 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Avalanche	\$2,393,927	n/a	5	\$863	n/a	\$71,112	0.0361%		\$0		
Cold Wave	\$90,017,059	\$348,214	114	under \$1	under \$1	\$2	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$1,257,159	n/a	n/a	\$20,679	n/a	1.64% (agriculture)		\$0		NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown
Earthquake	\$6,414,995,932	n/a	13,359	\$152,899	n/a	\$18,165	0.00238%				
Hail	\$3,792,030,762	\$14,365,800	13,356	\$3,601	\$305	\$942	under 0.0001%				
Heat Wave	\$2,146,506,457	\$10,403,697	7,921	under \$1	\$12	\$1,696	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Ice Storm	\$3,792,030,762	n/a	13,356	\$3,418	n/a	\$911	under 0.0001%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-04-18 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Inland Flooding	\$3,781,442,204	\$870,858	370	\$5,214,427	\$5,616	\$8,808	n/a (see note)	\$34,000			NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$299,816,384	n/a	1,030	\$9,577	n/a	\$37,387	0.00319%	\$0			
Lightning	\$3,792,030,762	n/a	13,356	\$11,503	n/a	\$244,643	0.000303%				
Strong Wind	\$3,792,030,762	\$14,365,800	13,356	\$4,383	\$2	\$17,829	0.000116%				
Tornado	\$3,792,030,762	\$14,365,800	13,356	\$22,129	\$98	\$22,481	0.000584%				
Wildfire	\$2,131,588,538	\$11,094,561	9,822	\$2,224,302	\$86	\$98,672	0.104%		\$12,940,000	no Public Assistance recorded (1 declaration)	
Winter Weather	\$3,792,030,762	\$14,365,800	13,356	\$5,315	\$27	\$81,032	0.00014%		\$0		

Totals since 2023-04-18 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 7 county-coded records, 7 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$34,000; 117 zone-level records, 115 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$12,940,000 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: none recorded on the 1 counted declaration.

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

NRI computes earthquake exposure on its own basis, so it exceeds the county building value in B2-a.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-a: vulnerability (county context)

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	13,356
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$3,792,030,762
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$14,365,800
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Very Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$7,679,241
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$603,679
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively High
Community resilience rating	Relatively Low
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; this table gives the property part and the population-equivalence part as separate rows.

Social vulnerability: higher means people are more likely to be harmed and slower to recover. Community resilience: lower means the community is less able to recover. High social vulnerability and low resilience both raise the NRI risk rating.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	0
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	1	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	0

The state NFIP coordinator's list, the source FEMA's Handbook names, often uses the NFIP insurance definition (second row).

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
of which: Archuleta County (unincorporated area)	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	8	0	8	0	0

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

Repeat-flood properties by jurisdiction in the plan (NFIP community)

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Archuleta County	080273	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Pagosa Springs town	080019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Counts by occupancy group for each jurisdiction are in the Excel file, sheet "B2-c Jurisdictions".

Jurisdiction rows are whole NFIP communities and need not add up to the county total: a community that extends into another county is counted in full on each jurisdiction row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class; institutional properties are counted in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (FEMA's data date 2026-08-02; file version 2026-08-04). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

In this county 0 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 1 property is NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

This packet is the federal data for the plan's risk assessment (the summary on page 1 says how it is organized); the plan and FEMA's review decide whether each item is met.

The plan adds what only the community has: local data on assets, critical facilities, development and each jurisdiction's impacts; local hazard history, including state-declared emergencies; the mitigation strategy; and adoption.

How the federal data are built: National Risk Index values are FEMA's model, not counts of events. Storm Events is more complete from 1996; zone-level records are placed by forecast zone, not by location in the county. Public Assistance for a jurisdiction is matched by applicant name. The Methods page gives every rule and the known edge cases.

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