

Traverse County, MN

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2027-05-08. Plan: Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253), approved 2022-05-09.

Since the plan was approved on 2022-05-09: 3 new hazard declarations (3 incidents) and 49 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 (\$1,739,562 a year), Cold Wave (\$698,526) and Hail (\$359,404).

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; 27155 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 2027-05-08	Plan:	Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253)
Approved:	2022-05-09	Days to expiry:	220
Update underway:	none recorded in FEMA's plan tracker		

What changed since your last plan (approved 2022-05-09)

New federal declarations:	3 new hazard declarations (3 incidents): DR-4658-MN (Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding), DR-4666-MN (Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding), DR-4722-MN (Severe Storms and Flooding)	Storm Events records since approval:	49 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 8	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>	Update underway	Notes
Traverse County	County	Approved, expires 2027-05-08	Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253)	2022-05-09	2027-05-08	220		
Browns Valley city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253), pending adoption here	2022-05-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-05-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Dumont city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253), pending adoption here	2022-05-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-05-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Tintah city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253), pending adoption here	2022-05-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-05-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Wheaton city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253), pending adoption here	2022-05-09 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2027-05-08 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Flood Control District	Approved, expires 2027-05-08	Traverse County (FEMA plan 108253)	2022-05-09	2027-05-08	220		this jurisdiction approved 2023-09-28

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	Very Low	Very Low	\$1,680,017	\$51,535	\$8,010	\$1,739,562	28		
2	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$315	\$65	\$698,146	\$698,526	45		
3	Hail	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$2,442	\$346,605	\$10,357	\$359,404	83		
4	Strong Wind	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$78,555	\$220,629	\$44,812	\$343,996	76		Includes 23 High Wind records (a NOAA non-thunderstorm wind type, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
5	Tornado	Very Low	Very Low	\$154,753	\$4,872	\$58,836	\$218,461	13		
6	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$37,233	\$3,250	\$44,644	\$85,127	119		
7	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	\$429	\$2	\$47,468	\$47,899	4		
8	Lightning	Very Low	Very Low	\$2,290	n/a	\$15,449	\$17,739	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
9	Ice Storm	Very Low	Very Low	\$5,942	n/a	\$10,732	\$16,674	5		
10	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$5,302	\$82	\$246	\$5,630	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
11	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$4,348	n/a	\$707	\$5,055			Storm Events does not record earthquakes.

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12	Landslide	Very Low	Very Low	\$3	n/a	\$96	\$99	0		No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
13	Drought	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	n/a	\$0	n/a	\$0	17		
	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-3242-MN 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.

Local data needed: state and local lightning, wildfire and landslide records (Storm Events records these hazards only in part).

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: avalanche, 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>
Earthquake	tract 4601 (Very Low, 15.4); tract 4602 (Very Low, 8.9)
Hurricane	no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard
Landslide	tract 4602 (Very Low, 79.9); tract 4601 (Very Low, 65.0)
Tornado	tract 4601 (Relatively Moderate, 68.9); tract 4602 (Relatively Moderate, 55.2)
Wildfire	tract 4602 (Relatively Low, 77.7); tract 4601 (Relatively Low, 73.0)

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 4601 is Census Tract 4601). 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
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	45 records, 1996 to 2026 (45 zone-level)	1 day to 12 days (median 2 days); 43 with a recorded value	12 consecutive days, 2021-02-06 to 2021-02-17, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	0					
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	17 records, 2006 to 2024 (17 zone-level)	15 days to 198 days (median 29 days); 7 with a recorded value	198 days (about 6.5 months), 2012-10-01 to 2013-04-16, a run of 7 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.

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Hail	hail size (inches)	89 records, 1955 to 2024	0.75 in to 3.5 in (median 1 in); 89 with a recorded value	3.5 in hail, 2003-07-02	Hail, 1994-07-18, property not recorded; \$50,000,000 crops (1994 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Wheaton city (27 records), Dumont city (11 records), Tintah city (9 records), Browns Valley city (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	4 records, 2006 to 2023 (4 zone-level)	1 day to 5 days (median 2.5 days); 4 with a recorded value	5 consecutive days, 2011-07-16 to 2011-07-20, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
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)	5 records, 1996 to 2016 (5 zone-level)		No damage reported in 5 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	28 records, 1997 to 2023 (5 zone-level)		Flash Flood, 2007-03-14, \$5,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Dumont city (8 records), Tintah city (7 records), Wheaton city (2 records). Zone-level records (5) 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)	0					
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	0					Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	23 records, 1996 to 2026 (23 zone-level)	35 kt (40 mph) to 57 kt (66 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 23 with a recorded value	57 kt (66 mph) measured gust, High Wind, 2007-05-06; NWS zone MNZ039		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	64 records, 1955 to 2024	50 kt (58 mph) to 85 kt (98 mph) (median 56.5 kt (65 mph)); 56 with a recorded value	85 kt (98 mph) measured gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2014-07-06		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Dumont city (13 records), Wheaton city (11 records), Tintah city (6 records), Browns Valley city (1 record).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	19 records, 1956 to 2022	F/EF0 to F/EF3 (median F/EF1); 19 with a recorded value	F3 tornado, 1982-05-10, 8 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 80 yd wide, \$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1982 dollars); same rating, casualties and property damage also recorded on 1982-05-10		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Dumont city (4 records), Browns Valley city (1 record), Wheaton city (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).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	119 records, 1996 to 2025 (119 zone- level)		No damage reported in 119 records.		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 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).

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Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 25 declarations covering 20 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
2023-07-19	2023-04-11	DR-4722-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$1,021,758.59	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2022-08-09	2022-05-29	DR-4666-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	\$95,762.71	new since last plan; within last 5 years	
2022-07-08	2022-05-08	DR-4658-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind; Tornado	none placed in this county by FEMA's record; \$48,276.63 for this declaration is not placed in any county (see the state page)	new since last plan; within last 5 years	

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2020-04-07	2020-01-20	DR-4531-MN	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3453-MN	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4531
2019-06-12	2019-03-12	DR-4442-MN	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind, Winter Weather	\$732,267.33		
2013-07-25	2013-06-20	DR-4131-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Strong Wind	\$79,222.30		
2011-05-10	2011-03-16	DR-1982-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$563,761.25		
2010-04-19	2010-03-01	DR-1900-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$512,414.38		
2010-03-19	2010-03-01	EM-3310-MN	Emergency	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-1900
2009-04-09	2009-03-16	DR-1830-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$464,081.75		
2009-03-26	2009-03-16	EM-3304-MN	Emergency	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-1830
2006-01-04	2005-11-27	DR-1622-MN	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storm	Winter Weather	\$68,323.16		
2005-09-13	2005-08-29	EM-3242-MN	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Flags	Notes
2001-05-16	2001-03-23	DR-1370-MN	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Ice Storm, Tornado, Winter Weather	\$682,236.57		
1997-04-08	1997-03-21	DR-1175-MN	Major disaster	Severe Flooding, High Winds, Severe Storms	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Strong Wind	no Public Assistance recorded		
1997-01-16	1997-01-03	DR-1158-MN	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-06-01	1996-03-14	DR-1116-MN	Major disaster	Flooding and Severe Storms	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1996-01-05	1995-10-23	DR-1078-MN	Major disaster	High Winds, Freezing Rain, Heavy Snowfall	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1993-06-11	1993-05-06	DR-993-MN	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	no Public Assistance recorded		
1989-05-08	1989-03-29	DR-824-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1978-04-22	1978-04-22	DR-555-MN	Major disaster	Storms, Ice Jams, Snowmelt & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1976-06-17	1976-06-17	EM-3013-MN	Emergency	Drought	Drought	no Public Assistance recorded		
1969-04-18	1969-04-18	DR-255-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		
1965-04-11	1965-04-11	DR-188-MN	Major disaster	Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded		

School districts and special districts in this county: \$559,248.53 (included in the county total above). Public Assistance matched by applicant name to the school districts and special districts FEMA lists as plan participants in this county. They have no row of their own in the jurisdiction table, so their total is listed here. These dollars are already included in the county PA column of the declarations table (the FEMA record places each applicant in this county), so this line is not added to it.

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
1957-06-22	1957-06-22	DR-80-MN	Major disaster	Floods	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.

7 Fire Management declarations (1976-09-08 to 1976-10-01) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Public Assistance not placed in any Minnesota county: 14 rows, \$9,133,931.59; listed on the Minnesota state page.

Source: 3

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 records	In the 12 months before plan approval records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Cold Wave	45	7	7	14	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Drought	17	7	2	7	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	89	6	3	6	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	4	1	0	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
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	5	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	28	5	1	6	16	3	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Lightning	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Strong Wind	87	10	3	13	5	2	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 23 High Wind records.
Tornado	19	2	4	6	4	2	1950 to 2026-06-30	

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
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Winter Weather	119	11	8	19	5	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	Why listed
2021-02-06	Extreme Cold/Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2021 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ039 (TRAVERSE), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2014-07-06	Thunderstorm Wind	85 kt (98 mph) measured gust	property not reported; \$0 crops (2014 dollars)	0, 0	BROWNS VLY	B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2012-10-01	Drought		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ039 (TRAVERSE), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Drought
2011-07-16	Excessive Heat		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2011 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ039 (TRAVERSE), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2007-05-06	High Wind	57 kt (66 mph) measured gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2007 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone MNZ039 (TRAVERSE), zone-level	B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2007-03-14	Flash Flood		\$5,000,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	0, 0	BROWNS VLY	B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2003-07-02	Hail	3.5 in	damage not reported	0, 0	TINTAH	B1-c worst recorded: Hail
1994-07-18	Hail	1 in	property not recorded; \$50,000,000 crops (1994 dollars)	0, 0	Wheaton	B1-c most damaging: Hail
1987-05-20	Tornado	F1, 2 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 30 yd wide	\$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1987 dollars)	0, 0	location not recorded	large reported damage
1982-05-10	Tornado	F3, 1 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 80 yd wide	\$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1982 dollars)	0, 0	location not recorded	large reported damage
1982-05-10	Tornado	F3, 8 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 80 yd wide	\$2,500,000 property; crops not recorded (1982 dollars)	0, 0	location not recorded	B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
1969-09-05	Tornado	F1, 10.2 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 100 yd wide	\$2,500 property; crops not recorded (1969 dollars)	0, 0	location not recorded	large reported damage

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (413 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
Cold Wave	14.2	event-days per year	about 14.2 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 21 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (70%)	269	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	0	event-days per year	none modeled	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 7 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (23.3%)	0	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI models no drought event-days here (2000 to 2025, 25.25 years; D3 and D4 only); Storm Events has a record in 7 of 30 years. The descriptor comes from Storm Events, which counts D2 drought that NRI leaves out.
Earthquake	0.000231	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0231%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	3.74	events per year	about 3.74 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	142.0 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	2.37	event-days per year	about 2.37 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	35	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane		events per year					1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	Not Applicable in NRI for this county; no descriptor.
Ice Storm	0.27	event-days per year	about 0.27 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	19	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	0.821	event-days per year	about 0.821 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 9 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (30%)	23	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	
Landslide	0.0538	events per year (modeled)	about 1 in 19 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	32.4	days per year with a strike	about 32.4 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	

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
Strong Wind	2.72	events per year	about 2.72 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	104	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.39	events per year	about 1 in 3 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.000419	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0419%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Winter Weather	20.5	event-days per year	about 20.5 days per year	Highly likely	Storm Events event-days in 28 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (93.3%)	390	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.

Where NRI gives event-days, the descriptor comes from the share of years with a Storm Events record; NRI's source records more events, so the two differ.

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	47	30	1.57
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	4	30	0.133
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	47	30	1.57
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	6	30	0.2
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	13	30	0.433
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	
Cold Wave	2 of 2	87.8	91.7	95.6	Very High 1, Relatively High 1
Drought	0 of 2				No Rating 2
Earthquake	2 of 2	8.9	12.1	15.4	Very Low 2
Hail	2 of 2	95.9	95.9	96.0	Relatively High 2
Heat Wave	2 of 2	26.3	36.4	46.6	Relatively Low 2
Hurricane	0 of 2				Not Applicable 2
Ice Storm	2 of 2	66.6	66.6	66.7	Relatively Low 2
Inland Flooding	2 of 2	60.4	71.6	82.8	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 1
Landslide	2 of 2	65.0	72.5	79.9	Very Low 2
Lightning	2 of 2	36.0	44.4	52.8	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 1
Strong Wind	2 of 2	96.1	96.7	97.4	Very High 1, Relatively High 1

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Tornado	2 of 2	55.2	62.0	68.9	Relatively Moderate 2
Wildfire	2 of 2	73.0	75.3	77.7	Relatively Low 2
Winter Weather	2 of 2	96.8	97.8	98.8	Very High 2

Hail: Agriculture is 96% of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

Strong Wind: Agriculture is 64% 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, 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).

This county has 2 census tracts; the minimum, median and maximum come from those 2.

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>
Traverse County	County	Approved, expires 2027-05-08	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 3	\$8,759.80	0 total; 0 since its plan
Browns Valley city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 5	\$67,248.54	3 total; no approved plan
Dumont city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$32,632.41	36 total; no approved plan
Tintah city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$3,491.42	22 total; no approved plan
Wheaton city	City	Plan 108253 approved 2022-05-09, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$32,909.27	41 total; no approved 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.

County Public Assistance in B1-d also includes applicants filed under the county that are not jurisdictions in this plan (for example state agencies, special districts and nonprofits), so the jurisdiction rows add up to less.

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 modeled dollars	Agriculture exposure modeled dollars	Population exposed people	EAL buildings modeled dollars per year	EAL agriculture modeled dollars per year	Cost of expected deaths and injuries FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage	EAL as % of exposure buildings; agriculture where noted	Storm Events damage since 2022-05-09 county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars	Zone-level damage since plan property plus crops, reported for the zone	Public Assistance since plan nominal dollars; see note	Note
Cold Wave	\$1,492,540,531	\$270,920,984	3,356	\$315	\$65	\$698,146	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$0	n/a			\$0		agriculture exposure is 0 in NRI
Earthquake	\$2,653,599,674	n/a	3,360	\$4,348	n/a	\$707	0.000164%				
Hail	\$1,492,544,681	\$270,920,984	3,356	\$2,442	\$346,605	\$10,357	0.000164%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$1,492,540,531	\$270,920,984	3,356	\$429	\$2	\$47,468	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Hurricane											Not Applicable in NRI for this county
Ice Storm	\$1,492,544,681	n/a	3,356	\$5,942	n/a	\$10,732	0.000398%				
Inland Flooding	\$1,490,429,524	\$1,265,571	310	\$1,680,017	\$51,535	\$8,010	n/a (see note)	\$0		\$1,117,521.30	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	\$3,636,768	n/a	8	\$3	n/a	\$96	under 0.0001%				
Lightning	\$1,492,544,681	n/a	3,356	\$2,290	n/a	\$15,449	0.000153%				
Strong Wind	\$1,492,544,681	\$270,920,984	3,356	\$78,555	\$220,629	\$44,812	0.00526%		\$0	\$95,762.71	
Tornado	\$1,492,544,681	\$270,920,984	3,356	\$154,753	\$4,872	\$58,836	0.0104%			\$95,762.71	
Wildfire	\$218,466,435	\$22,537,756	469	\$5,302	\$82	\$246	0.00243%				
Winter Weather	\$1,492,540,531	\$270,920,984	3,356	\$37,233	\$3,250	\$44,644	0.00249%		\$0		

Totals since 2022-05-09 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 22 county-coded records, 10 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0; 27 zone-level records, 18 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$0 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: \$1,117,521.30 on 3 counted declarations, 2 of them with Public Assistance.

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	3,356
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$1,492,544,681
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$270,920,984
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Very Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$2,598,668
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)	\$939,504
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Relatively Moderate
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	8	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 total and NFIP communities

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	8	0	8	0	0
of which: Browns Valley city	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
of which: Traverse County (unincorporated area)	0	0	3	0	3	0	0

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>
Traverse County	270621	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Browns Valley city	270480	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
Dumont city	270481	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tintah city	270482	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheaton city	270611	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	7	0	7	0	0
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	1	0	1	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 8 properties are 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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