

# Pondera County, MT

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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## Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2029-10-11. Plan: Central Montana Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 (FEMA plan 109563), approved 2024-10-12.

Since the plan was approved on 2024-10-12: 1 new hazard declaration (1 incident): DR-4902-MT (Severe Winter Storm and Straight-Line Winds).

NOAA Storm Events records since that date: 87 records (data through 2026-06-30).

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Cold Wave (\$2,520,801 a year), Inland Flooding (\$2,184,141) and Earthquake (\$187,972).

Repetitive-loss flood properties now: FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 0.

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; 30073 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 2029-10-11 | Plan:           | Central Montana Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 (FEMA plan 109563) |
| Approved: | 2024-10-12                   | Days to expiry: | 1,107                                                                   |

What changed since your last plan (approved 2024-10-12)

|                           |                                                                                                 |                                      |                                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| New federal declarations: | 1 new hazard declaration (1 incident): DR-4902-MT (Severe Winter Storm and Straight-Line Winds) | Storm Events records since approval: | 87 records (data through 2026-06-30)  |
| Repetitive loss now:      | FMA RL 0, SRL 0 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 0                                                | 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<br><i>negative = days since expiry</i> | Notes                                 |
|----------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pondera County | County | Approved, expires 2029-10-11 | Central Montana Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 (FEMA plan 109563) | 2024-10-12 | 2029-10-11 | 1,107                                                 | this jurisdiction approved 2024-10-11 |
| Conrad city    | City   | Approved, expires 2029-10-11 | Central Montana Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 (FEMA plan 109563) | 2024-10-12 | 2029-10-11 | 1,107                                                 | this jurisdiction approved 2024-10-11 |

Plan 109563 covers 41 other participants, named in the Excel file.

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 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 total (see note) modeled dollars per year | Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 count | Why this hazard can be left out NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996 | Storm Events coverage note                                                                                                 |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Cold Wave       | Relatively Moderate | Relatively Moderate | \$11,586                               | \$786,178                                | \$1,723,037                                                                            | \$2,520,801                                   | 26                                             |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                            |
| 2           | Inland Flooding | Very Low            | Very Low            | \$2,183,887                            | \$2                                      | \$251                                                                                  | \$2,184,141                                   | 11                                             |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                            |
| 3           | Earthquake      | Very Low            | Very Low            | \$163,215                              | n/a                                      | \$24,757                                                                               | \$187,972                                     |                                                |                                                                                                          | Storm Events does not record earthquakes.                                                                                  |
| 4           | Wildfire        | Relatively Low      | Relatively Low      | \$105,666                              | \$75                                     | \$6,538                                                                                | \$112,278                                     | 4                                              |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                            |
| 5           | Strong Wind     | Very Low            | Very Low            | \$15,983                               | \$20,359                                 | \$44,382                                                                               | \$80,724                                      | 729                                            |                                                                                                          | Includes 695 High Wind and 1 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition). |
| 6           | Winter Weather  | Relatively Moderate | Relatively Low      | \$5,929                                | \$244                                    | \$64,086                                                                               | \$70,259                                      | 328                                            |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                            |
| 7           | Drought         | Relatively Low      | Relatively Low      | n/a                                    | \$61,996                                 | n/a                                                                                    | \$61,996                                      | 0                                              |                                                                                                          | No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).                                                   |
| 8           | Lightning       | Very Low            | Very Low            | \$1,844                                | n/a                                      | \$34,155                                                                               | \$35,998                                      | 0                                              |                                                                                                          | No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).                                                   |
| 9           | Hail            | Very Low            | Very Low            | \$5,404                                | \$22,050                                 | \$549                                                                                  | \$28,003                                      | 55                                             |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                            |
| 10          | Heat Wave       | Very Low            | Very Low            | \$9                                    | \$3,432                                  | \$15,371                                                                               | \$18,812                                      | 0                                              |                                                                                                          | No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).                                                   |

| Rank<br>by<br>EAL | Hazard    | NRI risk<br>rating | EAL rating     | EAL<br>buildings<br><i>modeled<br/>dollars per<br/>year</i> | EAL<br>agriculture<br><i>modeled<br/>dollars per<br/>year</i> | Cost of<br>expected<br>deaths and<br>injuries<br><i>FEMA's dollar<br/>value per year, not<br/>property damage</i> | EAL total<br>(see note)<br><i>modeled<br/>dollars per<br/>year</i> | Storm Events<br>records, 1996 to<br>2026-06-30<br><i>count</i> | Why this hazard can be left out<br><i>NRI Not Applicable, no declaration and no<br/>Storm Events record since 1996</i>                                                                    | Storm Events coverage note                                               |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11                | Tornado   | Very Low           | Very Low       | \$7,843                                                     | \$150                                                         | \$1,757                                                                                                           | \$9,749                                                            | 0                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                           | No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). |
| 12                | Ice Storm | Very Low           | Very Low       | \$7                                                         | n/a                                                           | \$1,366                                                                                                           | \$1,373                                                            | 1                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                          |
| 13                | Landslide | Very Low           | Very Low       | \$43                                                        | n/a                                                           | \$23                                                                                                              | \$66                                                               | 0                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                           | Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.                    |
| 14                | Avalanche | Very Low           | Very Low       | \$0                                                         | n/a                                                           | \$55                                                                                                              | \$55                                                               | 0                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                           | No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30). |
|                   | 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-3253-MT 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 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: 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<br><i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>          |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Avalanche  | tract 9772 (Very Low, 14.8)                                                    |
| Earthquake | tract 9772 (Relatively Low, 77.6); tract 9770 (Relatively Low, 74.2)           |
| Hurricane  | no tract has a National Risk Index rating for this hazard                      |
| Landslide  | tract 9772 (Very Low, 80.9); tract 9770 (Very Low, 57.3)                       |
| Tornado    | tract 9770 (Very Low, 16.9); tract 9772 (Very Low, 13.7)                       |
| Wildfire   | tract 9772 (Relatively Moderate, 95.7); tract 9770 (Relatively Moderate, 89.0) |

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 9772 is Census Tract 9772). 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<br><i>count and years</i>        | Observed range                                           | Worst recorded event                                     | Most damaging<br>(when different) | How it applies to jurisdictions  | Note                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Avalanche                                         | none (count and damage only) | 0                                        |                                                          |                                                          |                                   |                                  | Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed). |
| Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill          | wind chill                   | 26 records, 2008 to 2025 (26 zone-level) | 1 day to 5 days (median 1 day); 15 with a recorded value | 5 consecutive days, 2022-12-19 to 2022-12-23, zone-level |                                   | Countywide (zone-level records). | Wind chill: in event narratives only (local data needed).       |
| Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition) | crop damage                  | 0                                        |                                                          |                                                          |                                   |                                  | Temperature: in event narratives only (local data needed).      |

| Hazard                                         | Scale                                     | Records<br><i>count and years</i>       | Observed range                                            | Worst recorded event              | Most damaging<br>(when different)                                    | How it applies to jurisdictions                                                                                   | Note                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Drought                                        | U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)     | 0                                       |                                                           |                                   |                                                                      |                                                                                                                   | 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)                        | 76 records, 1956 to 2024                | 0.75 in to 4.5 in (median 1 in); 76 with a recorded value | 4.5 in hail, 1991-08-13           | Hail, 1994-06-06, \$500,000 property; \$500,000 crops (1994 dollars) | Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Conrad city (14 records).                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Excessive Heat, Heat                           | heat index (in event narratives)          | 0                                       |                                                           |                                   |                                                                      |                                                                                                                   | Heat index: in event narratives only (local data needed).                                                                                                                                                     |
| 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)       | 1 record, 2009 (1 zone-level)           |                                                           | No damage reported in 1 record.   |                                                                      | Countywide (zone-level records).                                                                                  | Ice thickness: in event narratives only (local data needed).                                                                                                                                                  |
| Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood            | damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM) | 11 records, 1996 to 2019 (3 zone-level) |                                                           | No damage reported in 11 records. |                                                                      | Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Conrad city (2 records). Zone-level records (3) 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                                       |                                                           |                                   |                                                                      |                                                                                                                   | Physical measure: in event narratives only (local data needed).                                                                                                                                               |

| Hazard                                                                      | Scale                                                                              | Records<br><i>count and years</i>          | Observed range                                                                        | Worst recorded event                                                                               | Most damaging<br>(when different)                                                          | How it applies to jurisdictions                                           | Note                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lightning                                                                   | annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names) | 0                                          |                                                                                       |                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                           | Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties; physical measure in event narratives only (local data needed).                                                                                               |
| High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)            | wind speed (kt and mph)                                                            | 696 records, 1996 to 2026 (696 zone-level) | 35 kt (40 mph) to 116 kt (133 mph) (median 58 kt (67 mph)); 696 with a recorded value | 116 kt (133 mph), measurement type not recorded, High Wind, 1997-01-30; NWS zone MTZ009            | High Wind, 2007-01-01, \$350,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars) | Countywide (zone-level records).                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Thunderstorm Wind                                                           | wind speed (kt and mph)                                                            | 48 records, 1980 to 2025                   | 45 kt (52 mph) to 80 kt (92 mph) (median 52 kt (60 mph)); 43 with a recorded value    | 80 kt (92 mph), measurement type not recorded, Thunderstorm Wind, 1994-06-06                       |                                                                                            | Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Conrad city (11 records). |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tornado                                                                     | Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)                                           | 0                                          |                                                                                       |                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                           | 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)                                                          | 4 records, 2015 to 2023 (4 zone-level)     |                                                                                       | No damage reported in 4 records.                                                                   |                                                                                            | Countywide (zone-level records).                                          | Acres burned: in event narratives only (local data needed).                                                                                                                                                          |
| Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet | none in data (snowfall: local data)                                                | 328 records, 1996 to 2026 (328 zone-level) |                                                                                       | Winter Storm, 2002-06-08, \$1,600,000 property; crops not reported (2002 dollars); NWS zone MTZ009 |                                                                                            | Countywide (zone-level records).                                          | Snow depth: in event narratives only (local data needed).                                                                                                                                                            |

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records whose zone 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: 14 declarations covering 11 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<br><i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>                                                     | Flags                                                      | Note                  |
|------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2026-04-07 | 2025-12-17     | DR-4902-MT  | Major disaster  | Severe Winter Storm and Straight-Line Winds | Strong Wind (primary); also designated: Winter Weather | none placed in this county by FEMA's record; \$569,734.59 for this declaration is not placed in any county (see the state page) | new since last plan; within last 5 years                   |                       |
| 2024-07-18 | 2024-05-06     | DR-4801-MT  | Major disaster  | Severe Winter Storm and Flooding            | Inland Flooding; Winter Weather                        | no Public Assistance recorded                                                                                                   | in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years |                       |
| 2020-03-31 | 2020-01-20     | DR-4508-MT  | Major disaster  | COVID-19 Pandemic                           | Non-natural, not counted                               | no Public Assistance recorded                                                                                                   |                                                            |                       |
| 2020-03-13 | 2020-01-20     | EM-3476-MT  | Emergency       | COVID-19                                    | Non-natural, not counted                               | no Public Assistance recorded                                                                                                   |                                                            | same incident as DR-4 |
| 2018-08-30 | 2018-04-12     | DR-4388-MT  | Major disaster  | Flooding                                    | Inland Flooding                                        | \$115,810.33                                                                                                                    |                                                            |                       |
| 2017-09-12 | 2017-09-11     | FM-5212-MT  | Fire management | Strawberry Fire                             | Wildfire                                               | no Public Assistance recorded                                                                                                   |                                                            |                       |
| 2016-05-24 | 2016-04-15     | DR-4271-MT  | Major disaster  | Severe Winter Storm and Straight-Line Winds | Strong Wind; Winter Weather                            | \$261,414.33                                                                                                                    |                                                            |                       |
| 2014-04-17 | 2014-03-01     | DR-4172-MT  | Major disaster  | Ice Jams and Flooding                       | Inland Flooding                                        | \$92,869.04                                                                                                                     |                                                            |                       |

| Declared   | Incident began | FEMA number | Type           | Title                              | Mapped hazard                                                        | County Public Assistance<br><i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i> | Flags | Note |
|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| 2011-06-17 | 2011-04-04     | DR-1996-MT  | Major disaster | Severe Storms and Flooding         | Inland Flooding                                                      | \$32,416.33                                                                 |       |      |
| 2005-09-13 | 2005-08-29     | EM-3253-MT  | Emergency      | Hurricane Katrina Evacuation       | Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted | no Public Assistance recorded                                               |       |      |
| 2002-07-03 | 2002-06-08     | DR-1424-MT  | Major disaster | Severe Storms and Flooding         | Inland Flooding                                                      | no Public Assistance recorded                                               |       |      |
| 2000-08-30 | 2000-07-13     | DR-1340-MT  | Major disaster | Wildfires                          | Wildfire                                                             | PA not declared for this county                                             |       |      |
| 1986-03-15 | 1986-02-24     | DR-761-MT   | Major disaster | Heavy Rains, Landslides & Flooding | Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Landslide                | no Public Assistance recorded                                               |       |      |
| 1975-06-28 | 1975-06-28     | DR-472-MT   | Major disaster | Rains, Showmelt, Storms & 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   |
|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1964-12-18 | 1964-12-18     | DR-182-MT   | Major disaster | Severe Winter Storm    | Winter Weather  |
| 1964-06-09 | 1964-06-09     | DR-172-MT   | Major disaster | Heavy Rains & Flooding | Inland Flooding |
| 1953-06-06 | 1953-06-06     | DR-5-MT     | 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.

11 Fire Management declarations (1973-08-16 to 1996-09-06) FEMA filed as Statewide with no county; each names one local fire. Listed on the state page.

Public Assistance not placed in any Montana county: 2 rows, \$679,475.72; listed on the Montana state page.

Source: 3

## Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

| <b>Hazard</b>   | <b>Storm Events records,<br/>all years on file</b><br><i>(years in the Period column)</i> | <b>Since plan<br/>approval</b><br><i>records</i> | <b>In the 12 months before<br/>plan approval</b><br><i>records</i> | <b>Last 5<br/>years</b><br><i>records</i> | <b>Declared incidents,<br/>all years</b><br><i>separate disasters</i> | <b>Declared since<br/>approval</b><br><i>separate disasters</i> | <b>Period</b>      | <b>Statement</b>                                                                           |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Avalanche       | 0                                                                                         | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 0                                         | 0                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events                             |
| Cold Wave       | 26                                                                                        | 8                                                | 2                                                                  | 20                                        | 0                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                            |
| Drought         | 0                                                                                         | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 0                                         | 0                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events                             |
| Earthquake      | 0                                                                                         | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 0                                         | 0                                                                     | 0                                                               |                    | Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.       |
| Hail            | 76                                                                                        | 0                                                | 2                                                                  | 3                                         | 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       | 1                                                                                         | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 0                                         | 0                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                            |
| Inland Flooding | 11                                                                                        | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 0                                         | 7                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                            |
| Landslide       | 0                                                                                         | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 0                                         | 1                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 | No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table) |
| 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     | 744                                                                                       | 71                                               | 35                                                                 | 182                                       | 2                                                                     | 1                                                               | 1955 to 2026-06-30 | Includes 695 High Wind and 1 Strong Wind records.                                          |
| Tornado         | 0                                                                                         | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 0                                         | 0                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1950 to 2026-06-30 | No recorded events, 1950 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events                             |
| Wildfire        | 4                                                                                         | 0                                                | 0                                                                  | 2                                         | 2                                                                     | 0                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                            |
| Winter Weather  | 328                                                                                       | 8                                                | 14                                                                 | 48                                        | 3                                                                     | 1                                                               | 1996 to 2026-06-30 |                                                                                            |

## Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

| Date       | Event type                  | Magnitude or extent                                | Damage<br><i>nominal dollars</i>                                               | Deaths,<br>injuries<br><i>direct only</i> | Location                                                        | Flags                                                      | Why listed                                                                                       |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2023-11-23 | Winter Weather              |                                                    | damage not reported                                                            | 1, 2                                      | NWS zone MTZ309 (EASTERN PONDERA AND EASTERN TETON), zone-level | in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years | deaths or injuries recorded                                                                      |
| 2022-12-19 | Extreme Cold/<br>Wind Chill |                                                    | \$0 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2022 dollars)                  | 0, 0                                      | NWS zone MTZ302 (NORTHERN HIGH PLAINS), zone-level              | within last 5 years                                        | B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill                                    |
| 2007-01-01 | High Wind                   | 96 kt (110 mph)<br>measured gust                   | \$350,000 property; \$0 crops, reported for the zone (2007 dollars)            | 0, 0                                      | NWS zone MTZ009 (NORTH ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT), zone-level        |                                                            | B1-c most damaging: High Wind and Strong Wind                                                    |
| 2002-06-08 | Winter Storm                |                                                    | \$1,600,000 property; crops not reported, reported for the zone (2002 dollars) | 0, 0                                      | NWS zone MTZ009 (NORTH ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT), zone-level        |                                                            | B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet |
| 1997-01-30 | High Wind                   | 116 kt (133 mph),<br>measurement type not recorded | damage not reported                                                            | 0, 0                                      | NWS zone MTZ009 (NORTH ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT), zone-level        |                                                            | B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind                                                   |
| 1994-06-06 | Hail                        | 1.5 in                                             | \$500,000 property; \$500,000 crops (1994 dollars)                             | 0, 0                                      | Valier                                                          |                                                            | B1-c most damaging: Hail                                                                         |
| 1994-06-06 | Thunderstorm<br>Wind        | 80 kt (92 mph),<br>measurement type not recorded   | \$5,000,000 property; \$500,000 crops (1994 dollars)                           | 0, 0                                      | Valier                                                          |                                                            | B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind                                                           |
| 1994-06-06 | Thunderstorm<br>Wind        | speed not recorded                                 | \$5,000 property; \$5,000 crops (1994 dollars)                                 | 0, 0                                      | Conrad                                                          |                                                            | large reported damage                                                                            |
| 1993-05-16 | Thunderstorm<br>Wind        | 52 kt (60 mph),<br>measurement type not recorded   | \$5,000 property; crops not recorded (1993 dollars)                            | 0, 0                                      | Conrad                                                          |                                                            | large reported damage                                                                            |
| 1993-05-16 | Thunderstorm<br>Wind        | 65 kt (75 mph),<br>measurement type not recorded   | \$5,000 property; crops not recorded (1993 dollars)                            | 0, 0                                      | Valier                                                          |                                                            | large reported damage                                                                            |
| 1991-08-13 | Hail                        | 4.5 in                                             | damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)                                          | 0, 0                                      | location not recorded                                           |                                                            | B1-c worst recorded: Hail                                                                        |
| 1989-07-10 | Hail                        | 1.75 in                                            | damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)                                          | 0, 1                                      | location not recorded                                           |                                                            | deaths or injuries recorded                                                                      |

**The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (1,190 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)<br><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       | 0.01                                                       | events per year                  | about 1 in 100 years                                                                      | Possible                                    | FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)               | 0                                                                                                        | 1994 to 2023 (30 years)                    | see B1-f   | 0.01 is NRI's minimum avalanche frequency for a county in an avalanche susceptibility zone; NRI records no avalanche here, so the descriptor reflects the floor, not local events. |
| Cold Wave       | 8.97                                                       | event-days per year              | about 8.97 days per year                                                                  | Likely (from Storm Events: 9 of 30 years)   | event-days in 9 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (30%)   | 170                                                                                                      | 2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)        | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Drought         | 64.8                                                       | event-days per year              | about 64.8 days per year                                                                  |                                             | event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)    | 1,834                                                                                                    | 2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only) | countywide | No Storm Events drought record, 1996 to 2025                                                                                                                                       |
| Earthquake      | 0.00281                                                    | annual probability at a location | chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.281% |                                             |                                                   | not shown                                                                                                | modeled                                    | see B1-f   | No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).                                                                                                                          |
| Hail            | 0.686                                                      | events per year                  | about 0.69 per year                                                                       | Likely                                      | FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)               | 26.1 (modeled)                                                                                           | 1986 to 2023 (38 years)                    | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Heat Wave       | 0.739                                                      | event-days per year              | about 0.739 days per year                                                                 |                                             | event-days in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)    | 15                                                                                                       | 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                                                                | Possible (from Storm Events: 1 of 30 years) | event-days in 1 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (3.33%) | 0                                                                                                        | 1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)        | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Inland Flooding | 0.286                                                      | event-days per year              | about 0.286 days per year                                                                 | Likely (from Storm Events: 8 of 30 years)   | event-days in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%) | 8                                                                                                        | 1996 to 2023 (28 years)                    | see B1-f   |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Landslide       | 0.462                                                      | events per year (modeled)        | about 1 in 2 years                                                                        | Likely                                      | FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)               | not shown                                                                                                | modeled                                    | see B1-f   |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Lightning       | 18.6                                                       | days per year with a strike      | about 18.6 days per year                                                                  | Highly likely                               | FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)               | not shown                                                                                                | 1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)             | countywide |                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Hazard            | FEMA<br>annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled) | Unit                                   | In plain terms                                                          | Descriptor                                                 | Descriptor basis                                                   | NRI events or days in its<br>record period (hail, wind<br>and tornado are area-<br>weighted, so can be<br>fractional) | NRI period                                      | Location   | Note                                   |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
|                   | <i>unit per row</i>                          |                                        |                                                                         |                                                            |                                                                    |                                                                                                                       |                                                 |            |                                        |
| Strong<br>Wind    | 0.52                                         | events per<br>year                     | about 0.52 per year                                                     | Likely                                                     | FEMA annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)                          | 20                                                                                                                    | 1986 to 2023<br>(38 years)                      | countywide |                                        |
| Tornado           | 0.0419                                       | events per<br>year                     | about 1 in 24 years                                                     | Possible                                                   | FEMA annualized<br>frequency<br>(modeled)                          | not shown                                                                                                             | 1950 to 2023<br>(EF2+); 1986 to<br>2023 (EF0-1) | see B1-f   |                                        |
| Wildfire          | 0.000451                                     | annual<br>probability at<br>a location | chance a given<br>location in the county<br>burns in a year:<br>0.0451% | Likely (from<br>Storm Events: 3<br>of 30 years)            | Storm Events<br>records in 3 of 30<br>years, 1996 to<br>2025 (10%) | not shown                                                                                                             | modeled                                         | see B1-f   | Descriptor from Storm Events, not NRI. |
| Winter<br>Weather | 33.7                                         | event-days<br>per year                 | about 33.7 days per<br>year                                             | Highly likely<br>(from Storm<br>Events: 30 of 30<br>years) | event-days in 30<br>of 30 years, 1996<br>to 2025 (100%)            | 640                                                                                                                   | 2005-11-12 to<br>2024-11-12 (19<br>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<br><i>county-coded records</i> | Years in period | Events per year<br><i>events / years</i> |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Hail                                           | 1.00-1.99 in              | 1996 to 2025 | 39                                    | 30              | 1.3                                      |
| Hail                                           | 2.00 in+                  | 1996 to 2025 | 3                                     | 30              | 0.1                                      |
| Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind) | 50-64 kt                  | 1996 to 2025 | 30                                    | 30              | 1                                        |
| Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind) | 65 kt+                    | 1996 to 2025 | 2                                     | 30              | 0.0667                                   |
| Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind) | unmeasured or below 50 kt | 1996 to 2025 | 1                                     | 30              | 0.0333                                   |
| Tornado                                        | EF0-1                     | 1996 to 2025 | 0                                     | 30              | 0                                        |
| 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<br><i>rated of all</i> | NRI risk score, 0 to 100 |        |      | Tracts by rating                        |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|------|-----------------------------------------|
|                 |                               | Min                      | Median | Max  |                                         |
| Avalanche       | 1 of 2                        | 14.8                     | 14.8   | 14.8 | Very Low 1, Not Applicable 1            |
| Cold Wave       | 2 of 2                        | 99.6                     | 99.6   | 99.6 | Very High 2                             |
| Drought         | 2 of 2                        | 91.4                     | 92.6   | 93.7 | Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 1 |
| Earthquake      | 2 of 2                        | 74.2                     | 75.9   | 77.6 | Relatively Low 2                        |
| Hail            | 2 of 2                        | 64.2                     | 66.6   | 69.1 | Relatively Low 2                        |
| Heat Wave       | 2 of 2                        | 14.9                     | 16.4   | 17.9 | Relatively Low 1, Very Low 1            |
| Hurricane       | 0 of 2                        |                          |        |      | Not Applicable 2                        |
| Ice Storm       | 2 of 2                        | 10.8                     | 11.2   | 11.6 | Very Low 2                              |
| Inland Flooding | 2 of 2                        | 81.4                     | 85.8   | 90.3 | Relatively High 2                       |
| Landslide       | 2 of 2                        | 57.3                     | 69.1   | 80.9 | Very Low 2                              |
| Lightning       | 2 of 2                        | 72.4                     | 72.8   | 73.1 | Relatively Moderate 2                   |

| Hazard         | Tracts<br><i>rated of all</i> | NRI risk score, 0 to 100 |        |      | Tracts by rating      |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|------|-----------------------|
|                |                               | Min                      | Median | Max  |                       |
| Strong Wind    | 2 of 2                        | 75.6                     | 78.9   | 82.1 | Relatively Moderate 2 |
| Tornado        | 2 of 2                        | 13.7                     | 15.3   | 16.9 | Very Low 2            |
| Wildfire       | 2 of 2                        | 89.0                     | 92.3   | 95.7 | Relatively Moderate 2 |
| Winter Weather | 2 of 2                        | 97.1                     | 97.9   | 98.8 | Very High 2           |

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.

Hail: Agriculture is 79% 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).

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> |
| Pondera County | County | Approved, expires 2029-10-11 | FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0                                            | \$499,917.88                                                                            | 0 total; 0 since its plan        |
| Conrad city    | City   | Approved, expires 2029-10-11 | FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0                                            | \$2,592.15                                                                              | 27 total; 0 since its plan       |

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

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<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Agriculture exposure<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Population exposed<br><i>people</i> | EAL buildings<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | EAL agriculture<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | Cost of expected deaths and injuries<br><i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i> | EAL as % of exposure<br><i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i> | Storm Events damage since 2024-10-12<br><i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i> | Zone-level damage since plan<br><i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i> | Public Assistance since plan<br><i>nominal dollars; see note</i> | Note                                                            |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Avalanche  | \$0                                         | n/a                                            | under 1                             | \$0                                              | n/a                                                | \$55                                                                                             |                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | building exposure is 0 in NRI                                   |
| Cold Wave  | \$2,896,355,483                             | \$143,652,729                                  | 5,844                               | \$11,586                                         | \$786,178                                          | \$1,723,037                                                                                      | 0.0004%                                                           |                                                                                                           | \$0                                                                               |                                                                  |                                                                 |
| Drought    | n/a                                         | \$65,343,462                                   | n/a                                 | n/a                                              | \$61,996                                           | n/a                                                                                              | 0.0949% (agriculture)                                             |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | NRI has no building exposure for this hazard; agriculture shown |
| Earthquake | \$5,209,601,890                             | n/a                                            | 5,898                               | \$163,215                                        | n/a                                                | \$24,757                                                                                         | 0.00313%                                                          |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                 |
| Hail       | \$2,896,355,483                             | \$143,652,729                                  | 5,844                               | \$5,404                                          | \$22,050                                           | \$549                                                                                            | 0.000187%                                                         |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                 |
| Heat Wave  | \$2,896,355,483                             | \$143,652,729                                  | 5,844                               | \$9                                              | \$3,432                                            | \$15,371                                                                                         | under 0.0001%                                                     |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                 |
| Hurricane  |                                             |                                                |                                     |                                                  |                                                    |                                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | Not Applicable in NRI for this county                           |
| Ice Storm  | \$2,896,355,483                             | n/a                                            | 5,844                               | \$7                                              | n/a                                                | \$1,366                                                                                          | under 0.0001%                                                     |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                 |

| Hazard          | Building exposure<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Agriculture exposure<br><i>modeled dollars</i> | Population exposed<br><i>people</i> | EAL buildings<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | EAL agriculture<br><i>modeled dollars per year</i> | Cost of expected deaths and injuries<br><i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i> | EAL as % of exposure<br><i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i> | Storm Events damage since 2024-10-12<br><i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i> | Zone-level damage since plan<br><i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i> | Public Assistance since plan<br><i>nominal dollars; see note</i> | Note                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Inland Flooding | \$2,895,177,253                             | \$1,874                                        | 96                                  | \$2,183,887                                      | \$2                                                | \$251                                                                                            | n/a (see note)                                                    |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  | 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       | \$9,835,790                                 | n/a                                            | 17                                  | \$43                                             | n/a                                                | \$23                                                                                             | 0.000438%                                                         |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lightning       | \$2,896,355,483                             | n/a                                            | 5,844                               | \$1,844                                          | n/a                                                | \$34,155                                                                                         | under 0.0001%                                                     |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Strong Wind     | \$2,896,355,483                             | \$143,652,729                                  | 5,844                               | \$15,983                                         | \$20,359                                           | \$44,382                                                                                         | 0.000552%                                                         | \$500                                                                                                     | \$3,000                                                                           | no Public Assistance recorded (1 declaration)                    | Storm Events damage since the plan includes 1 zone-level High Wind record (\$3,000): a NOAA non-thunderstorm wind type, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition.             |
| Tornado         | \$2,896,355,483                             | \$143,652,729                                  | 5,844                               | \$7,843                                          | \$150                                              | \$1,757                                                                                          | 0.000271%                                                         |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Wildfire        | \$449,781,184                               | \$44,303,870                                   | 1,442                               | \$105,666                                        | \$75                                               | \$6,538                                                                                          | 0.0235%                                                           |                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Winter Weather  | \$2,896,355,483                             | \$143,652,729                                  | 5,844                               | \$5,929                                          | \$244                                              | \$64,086                                                                                         | 0.000205%                                                         |                                                                                                           | \$0                                                                               | no Public Assistance recorded (1 declaration)                    |                                                                                                                                                                           |

Totals since 2024-10-12 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 6 county-coded records, 6 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$500; 81 zone-level records, 81 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$3,000 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                                                                                                                                                                    | 5,844               |
| Building value (total, not at risk)                                                                                                                                           | \$2,896,355,483     |
| Agriculture value (total, not at risk)                                                                                                                                        | \$143,652,729       |
| NRI risk rating (all hazards)                                                                                                                                                 | Very Low            |
| Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards                                                                                                                  | \$3,395,900         |
| 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) | \$1,916,327         |
| Social vulnerability rating                                                                                                                                                   | Very High           |
| 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    | 0          | 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<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | RL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | Any category<br><i>properties</i> | Mitigated<br><i>properties</i> | Currently insured<br><i>properties</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| County total | 0                            | 0                             | 0                             | 0                              | 0                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |

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

Sources: 1, 4

| Jurisdiction   | NFIP community ID | RL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, FMA<br><i>properties</i> | RL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | SRL, NFIP<br><i>properties</i> | Any category<br><i>properties</i> | Mitigated<br><i>properties</i> | Currently insured<br><i>properties</i> |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Pondera County | 300056            | 0                            | 0                             | 0                             | 0                              | 0                                 | 0                              | 0                                      |
| Conrad city    | 300057            | 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: 0 in every occupancy group.

Sources: 1, 4

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 0 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, organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B. Each section heading names the item its tables support; the plan and FEMA's review decide whether the 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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