

**All Hazard All Discipline Minutes
December 20, 2007
7:30 am Gallatin County EOC**

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Lonergan, Brian Crandell, Richard Wolff, Earl Mathers, Bryan Connelley, Kevin Strickler, Doug Galarus, Kandy Rose, Christina Powell, Robert Kingery, Brandon Watne, Thomas Sanburg, James Hall, John Alston, Betty Kalakay, Steph Nelson, Jason Shrauger
Minutes Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved, no corrections
Early Warning Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Kingery gave an overview of the initial draft early warning feasibility study from Earth and Water Technologies. Rob will collecting comments from people up until about January 7th so that he can compile the comments for the contractor by January 14th. • Doug Galarus asked how the engineers came to their conclusion about the area that would be benefited by the Early Warning System. Rob provided a response to that based on his understanding the estimated warning time related to the water travel time. • Earl Mathers talked about the issues he sees with getting reliable information out of Hyalite Canyon. He also expressed his desire to see this project followed through on to completion. • Kandy Rose asked why the engineers were not on a conference call during the meeting. She felt there needs to be direct communication between the community and the contractors. She was also concerned that the Forest Service was not in attendance. She believes that they are working on putting in a phone line to Hyalite Reservoir for their staff to utilize in emergencies. She also feels that some of the data on Page 24 is inaccurate and that she provided the correct information to Water and Earth, but that it has not been included. • Rob reiterated that any comments on corrections should be provided to him. He also prefers written comments so that they can be compiled. • Richard Wolf provided feedback on his observations. He asked for some clarification on the scope. He suggested that there may be some other systems out there that do the same thing in addition to the systems identified by the study. He asked for clarification on how a system in the canyon would be powered. The study references solar, but does not address if that is the primary source, or a back up. The price comparisons also do not have a line item for batteries, and he was looking for clarification on that. He also suggested that DNRC should keep in mind the possibility that phone service may be run up there someday. He thinks that citizen alerting should be outside of the scope for this, the report should focusing on getting the data out. He then provided his comments in written form to Rob Kingery. • There was a brief discussion about warnings being delivered directly to the residents instead of a warning point was briefly discussed. • Kandy Rose asked that a phone conference be set up with the

	<p>engineers. It was ultimately set up for the Gallatin County EOC Training Room at 8:00 am on January 9th. There will also be a phone bridge at 582-24XX. Any written comments should be provided to Rob at rkingery@mt.gov. He will also be out of the office until January 3rd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Crandell inquired on how the conclusion was reached by the engineers that an Early Warning System wasn't of a benefit for people downstream from four Corners and what criteria was used for this. Brian thinks that the concept of an Early Warning System not benefiting the area downstream should be challenged and would like to hear from the engineers how this is founded. Rob agreed that it should be explained in more detail by the engineers. • A discussion was held on the issues associated with utilizing land lines in early warning systems. • A discussion was held on what the next steps would be and possible funding sources. The concensus was that there should be a separate meeting to discuss ownership, funded, etc. • Bryan Connelly asked for clarification on what was funded with the grant money. Rob explained that the funding was solely for the feasibility study, not for construction of an early warning system. Although it did consist of some funding for some dam monitoring system for everyday uses. • It was also discussed that the mechanism for getting their dam monitoring data out of Hyalite could very likely also be utilized for an early warning system.
<p>Emergency Management - Patrick Lonergan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick explained that there have been some concerned citizens make contact with him about the stability of the old Civil Defense Sirens. There has been no action on this and he will be checking with North West Energy to see if they are still going to be able to help us out with getting those down. The county does not have the equipment needed to take the pole down. • On 12/17 13 of the PC's in the EOC were upgraded as well as phones were added to ensure each station has one. The fiber connection to the county was also completed. • The draft FY08 NIMS Compliance was handed out. Patrick advised that the biggest thing he saw was a formal public information plan. • Albertson's is currently running a Weather Radio campaign with the NWS and Midland. They have Weather Radios at a significant discount, although not much quantity. • Patrick handed out information on the Montana AMBER Alert Portal. • Patrick gave a quick overview on the tentative 2008 Objectives for Emergency Management.
<p>Citizen Corps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one Present
<p>Unified Health Command - Betty Kalakay</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health Department is utilizing the EOC as a functional exercise today since their Human Services Building is without power. • The Unified Health Command spent their last meeting conducting an analysis of where they've been, and are going. The next meeting they will be developing a workplan. It was also mentioned that Vickie

	Groeneweg is the new Vice President of Operations at the hospital.
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monforton School is forming a community outreach program. They will be offer disaster preparedness training utilizing the CERT Curriculum in the community in conjunction with the local fire departments.
Training & Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Public Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick conducted a lecture for the First Security Banks in the area. • The MSU College of Arts and Architecture has a relatively new Dean who has a significant interest in tying here college in closer with the community through collaborative community projects with the students and local organizations.
Volunteers Active in Disaster - Norm Eggert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one present
Communications - Ben Hess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one present • Patrick advised that 911 did conduct a test of the Emergency Preparedness Notification System. Bryan Connelly advised that his call had an extreme lag before the voice came across. No one else in the room experienced that. Patrick stated that Ben Hess is working on an SOP for activation of that.
Interoperable Montana - Jason Shrauger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Shrauger advised that the Gallatin County system is moving forward and currently listed as going live at the end of March
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 17, 2008 @ 7:30 am – Gallatin County EOC

Upcoming Activities

Upcoming Meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 8 – Red Cross DAT• January 10 – Fire Council Communications• January 10 – Unified Health Command• January 16 – Fire Council Issues
Upcoming Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 8-10 – Montana DES Orientation (Helena)• January 15-17 – L-548, Continuing of Operations (Helena)• January 23-24 – ICS-400, Advanced ICS (Great Falls)• January 31 – MGT311, Mayoral Institute (Butte)• March 4-6 – LEPC/MSSC Safety Conference (Billings)• March 10-13 – HazMat conference (Polson)• April 21-25 – Governor’s Emergency Preparedness Summit (Billings)
Upcoming Exercises
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 27-28 – 83rd Civil Support Team Skills Evaluation