



STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Director

June 15, 2010



Ms. Susan BuChans
Highlands County Local Mitigation Strategy Chair
501 South Commerce Avenue Annex
Sebring, Florida 33870

Dear Ms. BuChans:

Congratulations! The enclosed letter constitutes the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) "Approval Pending Adoption" of the Highlands County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan. As indicated in the letter from FEMA, the plan is in compliance with the Federal hazard mitigation planning standards resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. A second letter giving formal approval of the plan will be issued as soon as FEMA receives proof of adoption by at least one participating jurisdiction and documentation that the final public meeting has occurred. The plan will then be approved for a period of five years.

The mitigation planning unit would like to thank you for all of your hard work in accomplishing such a feat. Together we can make Florida a safer place to live for all.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Laura Herbert at 850-922-5580 or laura.herbert@em.myflorida.com.

Respectfully,

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Miles E. Anderson, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Bureau of Recovery and Mitigation
Mitigation Section

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Enclosed: FEMA letter of notification dated June 2, 2010

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
FEMA Region IV
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road
Atlanta, GA 30341



FEMA

June 2, 2010

Mr. David Halstead, Director
Division of Emergency Management
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

Attention: Mr. Miles Anderson

Reference: Highlands County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2009

Dear Mr. Halstead:

This is to confirm that we have completed a Federal/State review of the Highlands County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201/6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, Highlands County developed and submitted all the necessary revisions. Our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions. We have determined that Highlands County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption.

In order for our office to issue formal approval of the plan, Highlands County must submit adoption documentation and document that the final public meeting occurred. Upon submittal of these items to our office, we will issue formal approval of the Highlands County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Gabriela Vigo, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (229) 225-4546 or Linda L. Byers, of my staff, at (770) 220-5498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Lowe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert E. Lowe, Chief
Risk Analysis Branch
Mitigation Division