

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NEEDED



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION & BRIEFING

The Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA), in partnership with Chloeta, is presenting the findings of the Community Vulnerability Assessment and a Wildfire Risk Assessment focused on communities surrounding Fort Harrison Training Area and the Limestone Hills Training Area. Together, these assessments examine wildfire risk and related vulnerabilities affecting infrastructure, emergency response capabilities, communication systems, and essential community resources.

This briefing provides an overview of key findings and identified challenges, followed by an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to share feedback based on their experiences with wildfire and other hazards. Input received will help validate assessment findings, highlight local priorities, and inform targeted mitigation and coordination strategies that support improved preparedness, public safety, and long-term regional resilience.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PLAN.

A **Community Vulnerability Assessment** identifies the people, infrastructure, and essential systems most at risk from wildfire and related secondary impacts, such as evacuation challenges, power outages, smoke exposure, and post-fire flooding. It examines social, economic, and infrastructure conditions that influence a community's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildfire events. This assessment is critical for understanding how these factors affect communities surrounding Fort Harrison and the Limestone Hills, and for guiding strategies that strengthen emergency preparedness, coordination, and long-term resilience.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT.

A **Wildfire Risk Assessment** evaluates where and how wildfire is most likely to occur, how fire is expected to behave, and what assets are most exposed to wildfire impacts. It examines vegetation and fuels, topography, weather patterns, access and response constraints, and the proximity of development in and near the wildland-urban interface. This assessment is essential for understanding wildfire threats to communities surrounding Fort Harrison and the Limestone Hills, and for guiding targeted mitigation actions that reduce risk, improve response effectiveness, and strengthen long-term resilience.

WHY PARTICIPATE

Increased awareness of local risks & vulnerabilities in your community

Stronger Emergency Preparedness to help safeguard lives, property, & essential services

Creation of more resilient communities; bounce-back from disasters faster!

PUBLIC OPEN COMMENT: COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY & WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Lewis & Clark County Residents

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14 January 2026



Broadwater County Residents

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