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HAILEY DEVELOPS PROJECTS AND FUNDING PLANS FOR FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECTS

(Hailey, Idaho) The City of Hailey is working on a number of flood mitigation projects, funded in part by grants and the City's own budget. The City is looking for other partners to help provide matching funds to continue its objective: to develop and complete projects that have been identified by City Engineer Galena Engineering, Harmony Design and Biota Research and Consulting as beneficial to protecting the public and the City's infrastructure.

On Monday, October 2nd, the Hailey City Council and Mayor will review a completed application to request funding from FEMA under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program for various stormwater improvement projects in the Della View neighborhood. The council will also consider a letter of intent to submit a future application under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for channel restoration, side-channel reactivation and potential flood barriers. The HMGP grant application deadline is January 11th. The City is prepared to provide matching funds for stormwater improvement projects within the City of Hailey limits, but is looking for financial commitments to provide the matching funds necessary to pursue the other projects that are either too costly for the City's budget to fund or outside of the City's jurisdiction. The City has been collaborating with Blaine County, the Wood River Land Trust, the Big Wood River Flood Control District and other partners and plans to pursue whatever projects are



determined feasible, based on matching funds being identified as well as authorization by other entities.

The stormwater and drainage improvement projects could shorten the duration of the flood, but not eliminate peak flood waters. The other projects listed in the HMGP letter of intent have multiple-year time horizons and require an array of federal, state and local permits, and significant levels of funding.

In the short term, the City has advertised a bid package for protection of the Riverside wastewater lift station access road and has purchased barriers to surround the lift station, which would be deployed prior to the start of flooding. This was a key project identified by the Army Corps of Engineers, necessary to protect public health and infrastructure and water quality. The City hopes the project will be completed in November.

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