

Teton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Teton EOC, 3240 S Adams Canyon Dr, Jackson, WY
and via Microsoft Teams



1. Call to Order

Chair Rich Ochs called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

The May 2025 meeting minutes were approved without changes.

3. Introductions

In-person and virtual participants introduced themselves. Attendees included representatives from public health, emergency services, conservation, public works, law enforcement, GIS, and various government agencies.

Attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Alton George	Jackson Hole Airport
Anna Day	Teton County Emergency Management
Carlin Girard	Teton Conservation District
Dave Wilkins	Bridger-Teton National Forest
Erik Kimball	Teton County Sustainability Coordinator
Floren Poliseo	Jackson Public Works
Heather Overholser	Teton County Public Works
Jansen Lyons	Teton County GIS
Jeromie Traphagan	Jackson Police Department
Johnny Ziem	Jackson Public Works
Levi Yardley	Grand Teton National Park

Name	Affiliation
McKinnley Robinson	Teton County Health Department
Peter Purchase	Bureau of Reclamation
Riclyn Betsinger	TCSO Dispatch
Rich Ochs	Teton County Emergency Management
Robert Smith	Good Samaritan Mission
Russell Nelson	Teton County Coroner's Office
Sandy Buckstaff	Flat Creek Watershed Improvement District

4. Region 8 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The 2025-2030 Region 8 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by all signatory jurisdictions, including the Town of Jackson, Teton County, Flat Creek Watershed Improvement District, Teton Conservation District, and Jackson Hole Airport. The plan is publicly accessible on the Teton County Emergency Management website. We are now awaiting the final approval letter from FEMA. Mitigation Plan can be downloaded at <https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/326/Emergency-Plans>

5. Emergency Operations Plan Annex A2 Overview

Rich Ochs reviewed Annex A2 of the Emergency Operations Plan, focusing on protective actions such as "Ready, Set, Go," and the corresponding color-coded alert stages. The need for community-wide readiness and clear, consistent messaging was emphasized. The EOP can be downloaded at <https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/326/Emergency-Plans>. Ready, Set, GO!/STAY!/AVOID! materials can be found at <https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/1846/Ready-Set-GO-STAY-or-AVOID>

6. 2025 THIRA/SPR Stakeholder Input

The group developed detailed context for the three selected THIRA scenarios:

- **Wildland Fire (Natural Hazard):** A fast-moving fire near Upper Cache Creek and possibly Pacific Creek, occurring in early September. Key concerns included smoke, evacuation logistics, impacts on water infrastructure, and displaced recreationalists.
- **Multi-Day Power Outage (Technological Hazard):** Regional power loss during the winter holiday season, affecting essential services, heating, communication, and

transportation. Competition for generator fuel and challenges in medical transfers were highlighted.

- **Coordinated Public Event Disruption (Human-Caused):** Complex coordinated attacks on the July 4th parade and government/visitor facilities using chemical, explosive, and drone threats. Impacts include casualties, panic, 911 overload, and extended investigations.

Action items include scenario write-ups by Emergency Management, followed by agency-specific surveys and follow-ups.

7. Measles Update

McKinley Robinson reported on two confirmed measles cases in Wyoming. Public Health is coordinating with the hospital and encouraging MMR vaccinations, especially among seniors born between 1957 and 1963.

8. RERT 8 Update

No recent activations. The team conducted propane-related hazmat training with Valley Wide Propane.

9. Training and Exercise Updates

Three mass casualty exercises were completed involving multiple agencies. An airport full-scale exercise is tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2026, likely in the evening.

10. Public Safety Radio System Update

The Pritchard Pass site is moving forward with construction over the next two years. Recent maintenance and reprogramming were completed. Radio equipment is being relocated from the courthouse to dispatch.

11. GIS System Update

Work continues on NG911 dataset QA/QC. Teton, Lincoln, and Converse Counties are involved in a state pilot project. The 100th anniversary of the 1925 Gros Ventre slide was commemorated with a new interactive story map and landslide susceptibility mapping by Wyoming State Geological Survey (WSGS) for Teton County. Kelly Flood StoryMap can be found at <https://arcg.is/1COG8O2> . WSGS landslide susceptibility viewer can be found at <http://bit.ly/46hcewZ>

12. Roundtable / Partner Updates

- **Public Health:** Flu clinic dates announced; uncertainty remains around COVID vaccine availability.

- **Emergency Management:** Bucket contest resulted in 590 new Teton WY Alert registrations. Sign up or update your info today by visiting www.TCincident.org and clicking the link at the top of the page.
- **Public Works:** Emphasized voluntary irrigation limits; upcoming council discussion on mandatory odd/even watering.
- **Airport:** Fully operational on backup power; ready for long-duration outages.
- **Teton Conservation District:** E. coli monitoring ongoing; Flat Creek below threshold. Flat Creek thaw well project implementation imminent.
- **Flat Creek Watershed Improvement District:** Bank stabilization completed downstream of 810 W.
- **Coroner:** Advocating for purpose-built morgue facility; coordination with airport exercise planning.
- **GIS:** Monitoring Hwy 22 expansion and subdivision growth; data surge expected.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

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