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The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe

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THE SAUK-SUIATTLE INDIAN TRIBE ANNOUNCE UPDATE TO THE 2020 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe is embarking on a planning process to prepare for impacts of natural disasters. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Tribe will update its 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan to enhance resilience throughout the Reservation and surrounding community.

This planning process is being led by Sherman Pruitt, Police Chief, Sauk-Suiattle Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management, with support from Beverly O’Dea of Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the hired technical consultant. The planning process will take approximately eight months to complete.

During this process, tribal members will be asked to contribute by sharing knowledge of the area’s vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include web-based information, questionnaires, maps, and updates on the plan’s progress via a website. This process will be led by a Planning Team made up of representatives from the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, tribal members, and other stakeholders from within the planning area as the Tribe determines appropriate. Meetings will occur as needed throughout the process in various formats, including via conference calls or web based. Notice of the meetings will be posted on the Tribe’s website. Citizens wishing to address any issues are encouraged to email or call Police Chief Sherman Pruitt at any time.

An informational website on the plan and purposes for planning has been established at: https://sauk-suiattle.com/public_safety.html This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan, as well as to gain information on ways to participate in the planning process. The public is highly encouraged to provide input on all phases of this plan’s development.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and should be directed to Police Chief Sherman Pruitt, Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management at spruitt@sauk-suiattle.com, or via phone at (360) 436-2207, or to Bev O’Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC at (253) 380-5736 or email bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org

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