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NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT –**

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Most communities have well thought out and even well rehearsed plans for the event of certain natural hazards such as flooding, severe weather, high winds, or a severe winter storm. However, does your community have a plan to mitigate those hazards before they happen? Increasingly, Nebraska communities are hopping onboard FEMA's funding boat before the floods come. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering grants to communities to create pre-hazard plans.

Many Districts have already participated in one or more Hazard Mitigation Planning efforts. The Middle Republican Natural Resources District has participated in four separate All Hazard Mitigation Planning efforts that now include the entire District with the exception of Hitchcock Co. Each plan has identified the history of hazard events within the District and the likelihood of any of those events, such as flooding, drought, severe weather, severe winter storms, wildfire, etc. occurring again in the near future.

The plan then suggests a number of mitigation projects for each hazard type.

All of the plans have or will be submitted to FEMA for approval. The Frontier Co. plan has already been approved. Once approved, planning participants will be eligible for project grant funding to assist with implementation of those projects.

This is another example of how your District is protecting your property.

Thank you for listening. This is Roger Lawson, keeping you informed about your natural resources. Protecting Lives, Protecting Property, Protecting the Future.