

# Natural Hazard Action Item Proposal Form<sup>1</sup>

<b>Proposed Action Item:</b>		<b>Alignment with Plan Goals:</b>	
Ensure that critical airport services are available in the event of an emergency. Critical elements include: adequate fuel systems, appropriate lighting, functioning weather services, ground-access to the airport, and safe runways/taxiway infrastructure.		Protect Human Welfare, Property, and Natural Resources	
<b>Rationale for Proposed Action Item:</b>			
<p>The Grant County Regional Airport is the only alternative access to John Day should ground transportation be interrupted.</p> <p>Air transport also is the fastest way to deliver emergency supplies, medical personnel and law enforcement.</p> <p>Aircraft are dependant on sufficient landing runways and the availability of fuel. Night landings require adequate lighting and inclement weather requires full time operation of the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). Snow removal is essential for safe operations.</p> <p>Even in non-emergency situations the airport plays an essential role in providing medical services to critically ill patients. (60+ times a year) It is also the base of all aerial operations that provide the first and most rapid response to wildfire situations.</p> <p>The airport also serves as a repeater site for: ODOT, the schools' county-wide computer network, the hospital, and Oregon Dept of Forestry.</p>			
<b>Ideas for Implementation:</b>			
<p>Obtain a back-up power source for the airport. An adequate power source is needed to support the airport terminal, runway lighting, AWOS, USFS Helibase facility and the repeater radio systems.</p> <p>Prioritize and maintain safe access to the airport, including all support and backup systems supplied by Grant County and the City of John Day. (The City of John Day provides all water/sewer services to the airport).</p>			
<b>Coordinating Organization:</b>		Grant County Regional Airport	
<b>Internal Partners:</b>		<b>External Partners:</b>	
Grant County		USFS, City of John Day, Oregon Trail Electric, Blue Mountain Hospital, St. Charles Hospital, Oregon Dept. of Aeronautics, FAA	
<b>Timeline:</b>		<b>If available, estimated cost:</b>	
<u>Short Term</u> (0-2 years)	<u>Long Term</u> (2-4 or more years)	Backup power: \$25,000	
<u>Short Term</u>			
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