

MERF & ESF Committee

State Emergency Response Commission

October 25, 2016

ESF Activities

- Met on the 1st Thursday of the month
- Finalized ESFs in their new format and aligned with the new MERF
- Extensive discussion on how state agencies work together to respond
- Exercise opportunities and real life engagements

ESF Exercises

ESF and SECC Exercise on June 8, 2016

- Subject: EMAC
- ESF #2, Communications
- ESF #5, Emergency Management

ESF and SECC exercise on August 31, 2016

- Subject: Winter storm
- ESF #1, Transportation
- ESF #5, Emergency Management
- ESF #7, Logistics
- ESF #12, Energy

Exercises, Continued

All ESF Exercise on October 24, 2016

- Subject: Large scale dam failure
- Goal: For each ESF provide what they would do in response, and to understand how other ESFs respond
- Participants: ESFs, National Weather Services, and two local jurisdictions.

“Take Aways” from the ESF Exercise

- We need more exercises
- Really liked having local representation
- Need to work on more two-way communication between SECC and ESFs for full situational awareness
- Review real events with all ESFs for lessons learned

Upcoming ESF Exercises

Nov 17, 2016

- Winter Storm – Expanded exercise from the
- ESF #1 (Transportation)
- ESF #6 (Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Human Services)
- ESF #8 (Public Health and Medical Services)
- ESF # 12 (Energy)

The Montana Emergency Response Framework

- The MERF is the framework that allows ESFs and their corresponding primary and supporting state agencies to work effectively with each other, to support local and state response efforts.
- Last updated in 2012

Updating the Montana Emergency Response Framework

Have updated the MERF by:

- Aligned the MERF and ESFs to match the Federal Response Framework
- Identified Response and Recovery Core Capabilities and Critical Tasks
- More clearly defined the roles of Coordinating, Primary and Support Agencies
- Clearer identification of critical infrastructure
- General updates (i.e. census, and hazards)

2016 Version of the MERF

- It is currently on the way the governor for his consideration
- Draft 2016 version is available at ReadandSafe.mt.gov

Questions or comments on the MERF should be sent to:

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