

Ready Montana Updates – June 2015

Whole Community Disaster Simulation

- 250 AmeriCorps members involved with the second disaster simulation during the symposium
- Additional involvement from FEMA, Red Cross, United Way, Lewis & Clark County, City of Helena
- There is potential funding (18K) from FEMA to do the simulation in more locations



Volunteer Management Toolkit – disaster edition

- Project coordinated with United Way of Yellowstone County
- Resource designed for local emergency managers to help them manage spontaneous volunteers who show up to help after disasters
- Statewide distribution and education will occur this summer
- Done as part of our role as a support agency for the state Emergency Support Function 6, specifically volunteer and donations coordination

Wildfire Awareness Month - May

- Public outreach campaign with several partners- DNRC, FireSafe Montana, Forest Service, etc.
- May 6th media kick-off event at the Capitol Rotunda
- More than 30 news articles have been created about Wildfire Awareness Month so far

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) conferences

May- Mountain West VOAD conference in Salt Lake City

- 10 states represented
- Next year, looking to host in Montana

June- Montana VOAD conference in Bozeman

- Input regarding respond.mt.gov from the organizations
- Potential to run the disaster simulation with the group next spring



Future Funding

- Ready Montana did not receive funding from the Homeland Security Grant this spring
- Moving forward, we are exploring all options
- Current Homeland Security grant will run out Sept. 30th