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Steven A. Ferryman, CFM State Hazard Mitigation Officer Ohio Emergency Management Agency 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road Columbus, Ohio 43235

Dear Mr. Ferryman,

The Summit County 2024 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was reviewed based on the local plan criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Summit County 2024 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and the plan is now approved for Summit County. Please submit adoption resolutions for any remaining jurisdictions who participated in the planning process.

The expiration date of the Summit County 2024 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is five years from the date of this letter.

An approved local mitigation plan, including adoption by the local government, is one of the conditions for applying for and/or receiving FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- HMGP Post-Fire
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- Flood Mitigation Assistance

Having an approved mitigation plan does not mean that mitigation grant funding will be awarded. Specific application and eligibility requirements for the programs listed above can be found in each FEMA grant program's respective policies and annual Notice of Funding Opportunities, as applicable.

To avoid a lapsed plan, the next plan update must be approved before the end of the approval period, including adoption by the participating jurisdictions. Before the end of the approval period, please allow sufficient time to secure funding for the update, including the review and approval process. Please include time for any revisions, if needed, and for your jurisdiction to formally adopt the plan after the review, if not adopted prior to submission. This will enable you to remain eligible to apply for and receive funding from FEMA's mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement. Local governments, including special districts, with a plan status of "Approvable Pending Adoption" are not eligible for FEMA's mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement.

We look forward to discussing options for implementing this mitigation plan. If there are any questions from either you or the communities, please contact Maria Freeman at (202) 793-0810 or email at <u>maria.freeman@fema.dhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

John Wethington Chief, Risk Analysis Branch Mitigation Division