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The Walla Walla County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) has been promulgated by the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners and City Mayors of Walla Walla, College Place, Prescott and Waitsburg. The CEMP establishes the framework for an effective system to ensure that Walla Walla County and its municipalities will be adequately prepared to respond to the occurrence of natural, man made and/or technological related emergencies or disasters. The plan outlines the roles and responsibilities of local government, State and Federal agencies and volunteer organizations.

The CEMP unites the efforts of these groups in the basic plan, appendixes, and more specifically under the Emergency Support Function (ESF) and Annex formats with a designated lead agency for a comprehensive approach to mitigation, planning, response and recovery activities set forth in the “State of Washington Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan” and the “National Response Framework”. It describes how State, Federal and other outside resources will be coordinated to supplement county resources and response.

The CEMP was revised through the efforts of participating agencies in cooperation with the Walla Walla County Emergency Management Department. The Walla Walla County Emergency Management Department Director and staff offer a sincere thank you and congratulations to all who made this plan possible.