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Dear Mr. Thomson,

As the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Local Mitigation Plan requirements under 44 CFR §201.6 specifically identify criteria that allow for multi-jurisdictional mitigation plans and that many issues are better resolved by evaluating hazards more comprehensively by coordinating at the county, regional, or watershed level, the City of Deadwood is submitting this letter of commitment to confirm that it has agreed to participate in the Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Further, as a condition to participating in the mitigation planning process, the City of Deadwood agrees to meet the requirements for mitigation plans identified in 44 CFR §201.6 and to provide such cooperation as is necessary to Lawrence County to complete the plan in conformance with FEMA requirements.

The City of Deadwood understands that it must engage in the following planning process, as more fully described in FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide effective April 19, 2023, including, but not limited to:

- Identification of hazards unique to Deadwood not addressed in the master planning document;
- The conduct of a vulnerability analysis and an identification of risks, where they differ from the general planning area;
- The formulation of mitigation goals responsive to public input and development of mitigation actions complementary to those goals. A range of actions must be identified specific for each jurisdiction;
- Demonstration that there has been offered an opportunity for participation in the planning process by all community stakeholders (examples of participation include relevant involvement in any planning process; attending meetings; contributing research, data, or other information; commenting on drafts of the plan; etc.);
- Documentation of an effective process to maintain and implement the plan; and,
- Formal adoption of the Multi-jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan by the jurisdiction's governing body.

Therefore, with a full understanding of the obligations incurred by participating in the FEMA hazard mitigation planning process as a participant in a multi-jurisdictional plan; I commit the City of Deadwood to the Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan effort.

Executed this ____ day of ____

Dave Ruth Jr., Mayor