



STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Ron DeSantis, Governor

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director

April 29, 2026

Preston Bowlin, EM Director
Marion County Emergency Management
PO Box 1987
Ocala, Florida 34477

Re: Marion County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved Pending Adoption

Dear Director Bowlin,

This is to confirm that we have completed a State review of the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, Marion County developed and submitted all the necessary plan revisions and our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions. We have determined that the Marion County LMS plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption, for the jurisdictions below:

Marion County, Unincorporated
City of Ocala
City of Belleview
City of Dunnellon

Town of Reddick
Town of McIntosh
Advent Health Ocala

Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions' documentation of their adoption resolutions to our office, we will send all necessary documentation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will issue formal approval of the Marion County LMS.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your LMS Liaison Evan Jenkins at Evan.Jenkins@em.myflorida.com or 850-443-4280.

Respectfully,

Laura Dhuwe,
Bureau Chief, Mitigation
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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Attachments: MEMORADUM: State approval of LMS plans under Program Administration by States (PAS)



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cc: FEMA Region IV, Mitigation Division – Risk Analysis Branch