



SILVER JACKETS

Many Agencies One Solution

WHAT IS THE SILVER JACKETS PROGRAM?

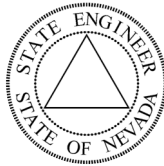
The Silver Jackets is an innovative program that provides an opportunity to consistently bring together multiple state, federal, and sometimes tribal and local agencies to learn from one another and jointly apply resources to reduce flood risk. The Silver Jackets teams are state-led interagency teams. Often, no single agency has all the answers, but often multiple programs can be leveraged to provide a cohesive solution.



NEVADA SILVER JACKETS VISION STATEMENT

Serve as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues, including mitigation planning, flood hazard mapping, risk reduction activities, response and recovery planning

CURRENT PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:



The mission of Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) is to conserve, protect, manage and enhance the State's water resources for Nevada's citizens. The Nevada Floodplain Management Program provides assistance to Nevada cities and counties with floodplain management and participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.



Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM) coordinates the efforts of the State and its political subdivisions, together in partnership with private and volunteer organizations and tribal nations, in reducing the impact of disasters by developing, planning, implementing, and maintenance of programs for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.



NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) provides weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy. Flood services include river forecasts, flood watches and warnings, flood inundation maps and extended stream flow prediction through the NWS's Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Services (AHPS) webpage <http://water.weather.gov>.



FEMA

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

The services provided by NRCS include the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)

Program, which provides assistance to communities to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by a natural disaster, the purchase of floodplain easements, and a Dam Rehabilitation Program for dams built with NRCS assistance.



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The USGS provides real-time and historic stream flow and water level data that are used to help predict flood magnitude and timing, and characterize flood frequencies and trends. The impartial information from our strong and robust hydrologic networks serves to inform local, State, Tribal, and National water decisions. Strict, nationally consistent protocols and quality assurance ensure accurate and nationally comparable water information.



US Army Corps of Engineers

USACE provides support through special studies and general technical services, including, but not limited to flood plain mapping and analysis support, through their Flood Plain Management Services

Program. Through the Planning Assistance to States Program, they form partnerships with localities for various studies. In addition, technical assistance for pre-flood preparation activities is provided through the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Program.



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THE NEVADA SILVER JACKETS TEAM

A team of individuals from both federal and state agencies that come together to facilitate collaboration, share information, and leverage resources to identify and implement solutions to reduce flood risk in the State of Nevada.

SILVER JACKETS IN NEVADA

- The Nevada Silver Jackets Team is currently pursuing a charter signed by all member agencies

MISSION STATEMENT

- Enable effective and efficient sharing of information
- Increase and improve flood hazard identification, assessment, communication and outreach among local, regional, state and federal agencies
- Foster leveraging of available agency resources
- Develop more comprehensive state flood risk management policies and strategies
- Facilitate strategic, integrated, life-cycle mitigation actions to reduce the threat, vulnerability and consequences of flooding in Nevada
- Support Federal disaster response and recovery through development of mitigation strategies to capitalize on post-disaster mitigation opportunities
- Promote wise stewardship of taxpayers' investments

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<http://www.nfrmp.us/state/factNevada.cfm>

PRIMARY GOALS

- Ensure continuous collaboration for flood mitigation, response and recovery activities before, during and after flooding
- Provide a forum for examining all types of solutions for flood risk management, including both non-structural and structural solutions
- Learn about partner agency programs, identify limitations and opportunities, and combine programs to create integrated, comprehensive and sustainable solutions
- Create a multi-agency technical resource for state, regional and local agencies

WHY THE NAME SILVER JACKETS?

Traditionally, different agencies wear different colored jackets when responding to emergencies. For example, FEMA personnel wear blue and Corps personnel wear red. The name Silver Jackets is used to underscore the common mission of the diverse agencies involved.



PHOTOS ON THE COVER:

Top: Downtown Reno on January 2, 1997 near the peak of flooding on the Truckee River (photo—Marilyn Newton, Reno Gazette Journal)

Bottom left: Homes at the Miracle Mile Mobile Home Park slide into Flamingo Wash, Las Vegas following heavy rains on July 8, 1999 (photo—Las Vegas Sun)

Bottom Right: Union Pacific train derailment in Lincoln County caused by the undercutting of tracks by flood waters in Meadow Valley Wash, January 2005 (photo—Las Vegas Review Journal)

