Stevens County Climate Policy Audit

Audit Existing Plans and Policies | Progress Report Task 5A | July 2, 2026

This report summarizes progress in assessing existing plans for climate gaps and opportunities. The project team identified the following County related plans for policy reviews:

- 2022 Comprehensive Plan, as amended
- 2023 Shoreline Master Program
- 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 1995 Countywide Planning Policies
- 2007 Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 59 Watershed Plan and 2019 WRIA 59 Watershed Plan Addendum
- 2021 NE Washington Regional Transportation Plan
- 2025 City of Chewelah Comprehensive Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan Work Plan

In addition, several plans were reviewed for context:

- 2022-2026 Tri County Economic Development District Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and Appendix F – Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan
- 2020 DNR's Plan for Climate Resilience
- 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan Eastern Washington Department of Natural Resources
- 2025 Forest Action Plan Department of Natural Resources
- 2019 Washington State Wildland Fire Protection 10-Year Strategic Plan Department of Natural Resources
- 2017 Stevens County Voluntary Stewardship Program Work Plan
- 2024 Northeast Tri County Health District Public Health Emergency Response Plan

Based on the Climate Policy Advisory Team (CPAT) meeting on May 20, 2026, the Chewelah Comprehensive Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan Work Plan was added for review. CPAT feedback also resulted in adding other plans for background context particularly related to Department of Natural Resources Plans.

A draft memo of the audit was shared with the CPAT for the June 17, 2026 meeting, and the Tri County Health District emergency plan was also recommended to be added to the list for context.