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Your organization is invited to become either a member or partner in the Palouse-Clearwater Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (PC VOAD).

The PC VOAD is an organized forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle - preparation, response, and recovery - to help disaster survivors and their communities. VOAD members form a coalition of nonprofit organizations that respond as a part of their overall mission.

The mission of the PC VOAD is to bring together voluntary organizations to assist the residents of 4 counties in Washington State (Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman) and the five counties of North Central Idaho (Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis and Nez Perce) as well as the Nez Perce Tribe in the event of a disaster, to coordinate service delivery planning, and reduce duplication of services to people affected by disaster.

PC VOAD supports the values of the National VOAD movement: Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration.

PC VOAD purpose is to:

- Convene regularly scheduled meetings as well as necessary additional meetings during times of disaster in order to disseminate information and situational awareness
- Convene focused committees and/or task force meetings as needed to address specific issues determined by member organizations.
- Sponsor training events to ensure readiness for disaster
- Create a climate for cooperation at all levels
- Coordinate policies and actions among member organizations
- Evaluate disaster responses and recommend improvements in coordinated response
- Support the mitigation efforts of federal, state, and local government agencies
- Encourage organizations and agencies providing disaster relief to become a member organization and attending meetings

PC VOAD assumes responsibility for convening organizations committed to working together in disaster response on a year-round basis. PC VOAD has no role in providing direct services to victims of disaster. All such services are provided by and fall under the auspices of member organizations.

We appreciate your participation in preparing our communities for the next disaster.

The PC VOAD Executive Team