

ICYMI – FEMA Administrator Highlights Advancing Climate Resilience to Western Governors

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell addressed the nation's western governors today at the [Western Governors' Association 2021 Winter Meeting](#) in Coronado, California.

Administrator Criswell's speech focused on the need to advance climate resilience, the value of mitigation and preparedness and our shared responsibility to equitably distribute resources and information.

"We are clearly at a turning point," Criswell said. "The actions we take now will have a tremendous impact on future generations, so it is imperative that we act with purpose and solidarity to adapt, become more resilient and face the future with an optimism born from bold action."



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FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell (left) with U.S. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland at the Western Governors' Association 2021 Winter Meeting. (U.S. Department of Interior Photo)

Administrator Criswell's remarks outlined her strategic vision for the next five years at FEMA. FEMA will instill equity as a foundation of emergency management, lead the whole of community in climate resilience and promote and sustain a ready FEMA and prepared nation. She noted that the agency will only be successful in these efforts insofar as it effectively collaborates with its state, local, territorial and tribal partners.

You can read Criswell's full remarks at the winter meeting [here](#). You can read FEMA's new strategic plan by visiting the "[2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan](#)" page on [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

