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Public Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment for Development of a Temporary Emergency Housing Site Lizzard Creek Park, Wyoming County, West Virginia

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed temporary manufactured housing site at Lizzard Creek Park, Wyoming County, West Virginia.

FEMA-1838-DR-WV authorizes the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide federal assistance in designated areas pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (PL 93-288). Section 408 of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA's Individual Households Program (IHP) to provide emergency and temporary housing for eligible disaster victims whose homes are uninhabitable or destroyed as a result of the declared event.

FEMA proposes to develop an approximately 5-acre portion of Lizzard Creek Park for manufactured housing units. The site is located off Route 52, 2 miles east of the town of Justice, Wyoming County. Activities will include access road improvement, minimal grading, installation of utilities including electric, water, and sewer facilities and the installation of mobile homes. The area has been cleared and disturbed and was previously used as a group mobile home site. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (PL91-190) and associated environmental statutes, a draft EA was written to evaluate the actions potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The draft EA considers alternatives, the existing environment, the consequences of the action and ways to reduce any adverse impacts.

Due to the emergency nature of this action, the public comment period will be brief, June 23- June 25, 2009. The Draft EA can be viewed and downloaded from the FEMA website <http://www.fema.gov/plan/envdocuments/index.shtm> and is also available for review at the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at the Larry Joe Harless Community Center located on U.S. 52 in Gilbert. The Recover Center is open from 10 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday.

Written comments on the draft EA can be faxed to the Joint Field Office in Charleston at (304) 746-8830 or emailed to kate.mcmanus@dhs.gov. Verbal comments will be accepted at (304) 746-7100 from 8am to 5pm. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project.

All other questions regarding disaster assistance or the availability of emergency temporary housing should be directed to the FEMA Tele-registration line at (800) 621-3362.