

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment
For Construction of a Social Service building for the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma
Ottawa County, Oklahoma
FEMA-DR1712-OK; PW#1850.

The Modoc tribe of Oklahoma has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance with the construction of a new building to replace a former social service building which was destroyed by a flood in 2007. The new structure would be located within Lot 10, Section 29, Township 28H, Ranges 23E in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, on the east side of Highway 69A.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Part 9 and 10), an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment.

The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives to be evaluated include (1) No Action, (2) The Proposed Action, the construction of a new building on trust land under joint ownership of multiple tribes. Consideration was given to rebuilding on the previous site (Alternative 3). This option was eliminated due to the property's location in a floodplain area which would present additional complications and costs.

The draft Environmental Assessment is available for review between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, at the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma office complex located at 418 G Street Southeast, Miami, Oklahoma.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of this notification. Written comments regarding this proposed project can be mailed to the contact below. 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. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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