

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed project to construct a permanent alternate route in McHenry County, ND. FEMA will provide funds for eligible costs via the Public Assistance Program implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206.

This notice of intent to prepare an EA for these actions is pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (PL 91-190) and associated environmental statutes, as implemented in FEMA's regulations 44 CFR Part 10. This EA will address the purpose and need of the proposed project, project alternatives considered, affected environment, environmental consequences, and impact mitigation measures. Once completed, the draft EA will be available for public review and comment. Notice is also published in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as implemented in 36 CFR Part 800; and Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, Wetlands Protection, as implemented in 44 CFR Part 9; since these actions may have the potential to affect historic, cultural and archaeological resources, floodplains and wetlands.

The EA is intended to address the proposed work of constructing a permanent alternate route in Sec. 12, Twp. 153N, Range 75W and Sec. 7, Twp. 153N, Range 76W.

A comment period related to the proposed actions described above will remain open for 15 days following the publication of this notice. Comments will be accepted from the affected public; local, state, and federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate environmental impacts of the proposed projects. In addition to this initial comment period, the draft EA will be available for public review and comment upon completion.

Interested persons may obtain more detailed information about the proposed EA from or provide written comments to Darlene Carpenter, McHenry County Auditor, dcarpenter@nd.gov and/or Portia Ross, FEMA Region VIII, Senior Environmental Specialist, portia.ross@fema.dhs.gov.