

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Draft Environmental Assessment  
Matanuska – Susitna Borough, Alaska**

### **Deshka River Steward's Cabin Replacement Project**

Notice is hereby given that FEMA plans to assist the Matanuska – Susitna Borough, Alaska by providing partial funding to replace a damaged Recreational Area Steward's Cabin on a peninsula extending between the mouth of the Deshka River and the Susitna River. Federal financial assistance would be provided pursuant to the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended (The Stafford Act).

FEMA prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations. The Draft EA will be finalized after agency and public review and input. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including: Executive Orders #11988 (Floodplain Management), #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #12898 (Environmental Justice) and #13084 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments). The alternatives evaluated include (1) constructing a new elevated two-story Steward's Cabin (20 feet x 24 feet), portable toilet, and small (12 feet x 12 feet) storage shed on the peninsula between the mouth of the Deshka and Susitna Rivers. (2) No Action.

This notice will constitute the final notice as required by Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project.

The Draft EA is available for viewing at the following locations:

- 1 Sutton Library: Mile 1 Jonesville Road, Sutton AK
- 2 Big Lake Library: Mile 4 South, Big Lake Road, Big Lake, AK
- 3 Willow Library: Mile 69.7, Parks Highway, Willow AK
- 4 Talkeetna Library: Mile 13.5, Talkeetna Spur Road, Talkeetna, AK
- 5 Trapper Creek Library: Mile 115, Parks Highway, Trapper Creek, AK
- 6 Matanuska-Susitna Borough Building, Department of Community Development: 350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, AK
- 7 Matanuska-Susitna Borough Web Site: <http://ww1.matsugov.us?Community>
- 8 FEMA website: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>.

Please submit your written comments to FEMA Region X Environmental Officer, Mark Eberlein no later than 5 p.m. on June 19, 2009. Comments can be:

- 1 Mailed: 130-228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell, Washington 98021
- 2 Faxed: 425-487-4622
- 3 E-mailed: [mark.eberlein@dhs.gov](mailto:mark.eberlein@dhs.gov)

After the public comment period has closed, EAs will be moved to the archives page at: [http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives\\_index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm).