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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
KIOWA COUNTY COMMONS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
GREENSBURG, KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS
FEMA-1699-DR-KS**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for construction of the Kiowa County Commons to replace the damaged museum and library. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1699-DR-KS) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Greensburg, Kiowa County, Kansas, as a result of damages incurred on May 4, 2007. Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288. The Proposed Action would build the Kiowa County Commons at 320 S. Main St. within the city limits of Greensburg, Kansas. Kiowa County Commons would consist of approximately 19,000 square feet of new construction. The new Kiowa County Commons will be built to all the current codes and standards. Utility services such as power, sewer, water, and telephone exist at the site. This location would allow the new facility to be located in the heart of the rebuilt Greensburg.

Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA was written to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The public comment period will be from September 9 to October 9, 2009. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018. The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>. If no substantive comments are received, the DEA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Then this DEA will be moved to the archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.