

PUBLIC NOTICE

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Draft Environmental Assessment
FEMA-1734-DR-WA
Lewis County Department of Public Works**

Chandler Road Bridge (Dryad Bridge) Replacement Project

Notice is hereby given that FEMA plans to assist the Lewis County Department of Public Works by providing partial funding to replace the Chandler Road (Dryad) bridge that was destroyed during severe storms on December 3, 2007. A presidential disaster was declared in the region on December 8, 2007 (FEMA-1734-DR-WA). 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 No. 11988 (Floodplain Management), No. 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), No. 12898 (Environmental Justice), and No. 13084 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments). The alternatives evaluated include (1) no action, and (2) construction of a new bridge located approximately 300 feet west of the original bridge site on the Chehalis River.

This notice will constitute as 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. www.lewiscountywa.gov
2. Board of County Commissioners, Lewis County Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532
3. Lewis County Public Services Building, 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532
4. <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 midnight on January 15, 2010. Comments can be:

1. Mailed: 130-228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021
2. Faxed: (425) 487-4622
3. E-mailed: mark.eberlein@dhs.gov

After the public comment period ends, the final EA and the FONSI will be available for viewing at: http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.