

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**Draft Environmental Assessment**  
**Snoqualmie Pass Fire Rescue New Station 291 Construction**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funding to the Snoqualmie Pass Fire Rescue for a new fire station project at Snoqualmie Pass in Kittitas County, Washington. Funding would be provided through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program as authorized by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the (A) no action – continued use of Station 291; and (B) construction of a new Station 291 near I90 Exit 53; and (C) construction of a new Station 291 near the Hyak Parking Lot and I90 Exit 54.

The draft EA is available for review online at the FEMA environmental web site at: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X and SPFR's web site at: <http://snoqualmiepassfire.org/>. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the draft EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. However, should a FONSI be issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X.

The draft EA and associated documents is also available for review by appointment between March 5 and April 2, 2010 at the SPFR Station 291 located at 69802 SR 906, Snoqualmie Pass, WA. Please make appointments via e-mail at [mhcowan@hotmail.com](mailto:mhcowan@hotmail.com).

Written comments on the draft EA should be directed no later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2010 to Mark G. Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021, or by e-mail at [mark.eberlein@dhs.gov](mailto:mark.eberlein@dhs.gov). Comments also can be faxed to 425-487-4613.