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## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Sedro-Woolley Fire Station  
Sedro Woolley Fire Department, Washington  
FEMA-EMW-2009-FC-01076

The Sedro-Woolley Fire Department (SWFD) applied to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) for funding assistance to build a new fire station. Funding was authorized through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA is an economic stimulus package and the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2009 funds is to create or save jobs in recession-hit areas which includes supporting 'shovel-ready' projects. ARRA will further help achieve AFG goals of firefighter safety and improved response capability/capacity based on need, through the construction, renovation, or modification of fire stations.

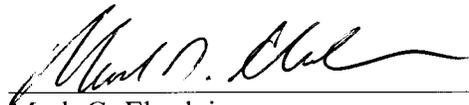
The Proposed Action includes construction of an approximately 6,000 square foot fire station on a 2 acre parcel located at 1218 North Township Road in Sedro-Woolley. The one story building will include dedicated space for training/meetings, dormitories, offices, kitchen, restrooms, equipment/supply storage, and apparatus bays. The station will also have a back-up generator in the event of power outages. In addition to the fire station, the site will include space for parking, maneuvering space for the trucks, and stormwater management features.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementation regulations, FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from the alternatives presented in the EA and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impacts Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Alternatives evaluated in the EA include: 1) no action, continued use of the existing station; 2) construction of a new fire station (proposed). Other alternatives were considered but not carried forth and are described in the EA. The Draft EA was made available for public review and comment from March 15 to April 14, 2010. FEMA did not receive substantive comments on the Draft EA.

## **FINDINGS**

Based upon the site and building design and attached Mitigation and Conservation Measures; and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10 for environmental consideration, including Executive Orders (EO) addressing floodplains (EO 11988), wetlands (EO 11990), and environmental justice (EO 12898), FEMA determined the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an EIS will not be prepared (44 CFR Part 10.8) and the project as described in the SWFD AFG application and final EA may proceed.

## **APPROVAL**



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Date

**Attachment A:**

**MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION MEASURES**

Mitigation and conservation measures refer to actions that would minimize or eliminate potential adverse environmental impacts that could result from the Proposed Action:

- The City shall secure and comply with applicable permitting (see EA Section 6).
- The City is responsible for selecting, implementing, monitoring, and maintaining best management practices to control erosion and sediment, reduce spills and pollution, and provide habitat protection; consistent with permitting requirements.
- Site soils will be covered and/or wetted during construction as needed to minimize fugitive dust.
- Construction activities will be conducted during the daytime, to reduce adverse noise impacts.
- In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity shall be discontinued, the area secured, and the SHPO and FEMA notified.
- If any hazardous materials are found during construction; these shall be characterized, remediated, and disposed of as appropriate, and otherwise handled in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
- The site stormwater management system shall be operated and maintained consistent with its intended design.
- Any change to the approved scope of work stated in the FEMA grant application and described in this EA as the proposed action will require re-evaluation for compliance with NEPA and other laws and Executive Orders.