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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
HEMINGFORD, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
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Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has adopted a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for construction of a 160-foot communication tower in Hemingford, Box Butte County. FEMA will fund the proposed project under the Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The Proposed Action would construct the new communication tower at 216 Box Butte, Hemingford, Box Butte County. This location would address loss of radio coverage in portions of Northwest Box Butte County.

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 June 10 to July 9, 2010. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018 to the attention of the Regional Environmental Officer. The DEA can be viewed locally at the Box Butte Sheriff's Office at the Regional Law Enforcement Center (behind the courthouse), 512 Niobrara, Alliance. The DEA can also be 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 FEMA's archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.