

PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. Department of Homeland Security's
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Draft Environmental Assessment
Tiger Mountain Trail Footbridge Project
Issaquah, Washington

Notice is hereby given that FEMA plans to assist the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the reconstruction of a trail and damaged footbridge crossing High Point Creek in the Tiger Mountain State Forest. The project area is a part of the Tiger Mountain Trail system in the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA). 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 public, tribal, and agency review and input. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental requirements, including Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated include: (1) No Action, (2) Proposed Action (replace the bridge partially downstream of the existing location); and (3) Repair the bridge near its existing footprint. 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 and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project.

The Draft EA is available for viewing at the following locations:

King County Public Library, Issaquah Branch
10 W. Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA 98027

FEMA website:

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region10.shtm>

DNR website:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Pages/Home.aspx>

Please submit your written comments to FEMA Region X Environmental Officer, Mark Eberlein, no later than 5 p.m. on October 13, 2010. Comments can be:

1. Mailed: 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, Washington 98021
2. Faxed: 425-487-4613
3. E-mailed: mark.eberlein@dhs.gov

After the public comment period ends, the Environmental Assessment will be available for viewing at the same website as above.