

**Public Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment for Relocation of the Na-toose Clinic
Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation of Montana
FEMA-1922-DR-MT**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). FEMA will fund the proposed project under the Public Assistance (PA) grant program. The Proposed Action is the construction of a new Na-toose clinic at an alternative site to replace the former facility that had been destroyed by landslides caused by severe storms. The new structure would be located within Section 3, Township 29 North, Range 14 East in Chouteau County, Montana on the south side of Upper Box Elder Road (48.29319, -109.90444). The proposed action is reconstruction of the Na-toose Clinic (57,000 square feet) within the 6500 block of Upper Box Elder Road that includes public and staff parking lots, emergency service and public entrance road access, and a helipad for emergency air transport. Implementation of the Proposed Action would allow the Tribe to provide health facilities for medical and dental care needed by tribal members.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Part 10), the DEA was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The DEA evaluates the purpose and need, alternatives considered, site selection process, affected environment, potential environmental consequences, and compliance with environmental laws associated with the proposed action.

The Draft Environmental Assessment is available for review Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, at the Stone Child College's library located at 8294 Upper Box Elder Creek Road, Box Elder, Montana. The DEA can also be accessed from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region8.shtm>

The comment period will begin November 29, 2010 and end 30 days from the initial publication date of this notice. Written comments regarding this proposed project can be mailed, emailed and/or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received the Draft EA will become final and this initial will also serve as the final Public Notice. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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