

Public Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Sierra Fire Protection District
Fire Station #36 (Thomas Creek) (Formerly Fire Station #40)
EMW-2009-FC-02614

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide Federal financial assistance to the Sierra Fire Protection District using the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program authorized through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to construct a new 8,471 square foot two-bay fire station at 13500 Thomas Creek Road, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada (NE corner of Thomas Creek and Arrowcreek). FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA's regulations found in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10. The Draft EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders (EO) 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives carried forward for analysis in the Draft EA are the Proposed Action alternative describing the proposed construction of Sierra Fire Protection District Fire Station #36 (Formerly Fire Station #40) and the No Action alternative. Any public comments received and responses to them will be included in any necessary Final EA.

The Draft EA is now available for public review on the Sierra Fire Protection District website at <http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/sierrafire> and on FEMA's website at <http://fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>. Hard copies of the Draft EA are also available for public review at the Washoe County Public Works office located at 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512 and the Sierra Fire Protection District office located at 3905 Old Highway 395, Washoe Valley, NV 89704.

If no comments are received from interested parties or significant issues are identified during the 15 day public comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Comments on the Draft EA should be sent to Donna Meyer, Deputy Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA, 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, CA 94607, or by email to fema-rix-ehp-documents@dhs.gov.

All comments should be received no later than January 22, 2011.

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