

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

Notice is hereby given that FEMA plans to assist the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in rerouting a portion of the Tiger Mountain Trail and replacing a footbridge crossing one of the several headwater drainages to Upper 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.

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 are: (1) No Action, and (2) Proposed Action (which includes decommissioning the damaged trail length and footbridge, and the construction of a trail re-route with a footbridge along the new alignment). FEMA recently prepared a separate EA for another DNR trail and footbridge replacement project (Tiger Mountain Trail Footbridge Project) located in the same watershed, which is similar in nature and scale to the proposed project in this Draft EA.

This notice constitutes 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, 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 April 19, 2011. 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.